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F. T. RICKARDS,
Secretary.
B. B. & C. I. Ry., Agent's Office, Bombay, 23rd December, 1893.

GOVERNMENT MEDICAL STORES,
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SEALED TENDERS for Medical Stores Supplies, as under, will be received up to 12 Noon, on 1st February, 1894. For further particulars see "Fort St. George Gazette," dated 26th January, 1894, and two subsequent issues.
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.
SUIT No. 26 of 1890.
MANCHOOBHAI BALAGOWANDAS, of Bombay, Hindoo Inhabitant, residing at Mahim, outside the Fort of Bombay.....Plaintiff.
VERSUS
GOVIND GANGADHER, of Bombay, Hindoo Inhabitant, residing at Dadur, outside the Fort of Bombay.....Defendant.
PURSUANT to the Final Decree made in the above Suit, and bearing Date the Twenty-Seventh Day of February, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-three, the following immoveable properties will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, before G. H. Farran, Esquire, Commissioner of this Honourable Court, at his Chambers, in the Court House, on WEDNESDAY, the Seventeenth Day of January, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-four, at the hour of three o'clock in the Afternoon.
PARTICULARS:—
All the Estate and Interest of the abovenamed Plaintiff and Defendant, or either of them, in the following properties, namely:—
LOT No. I.
FIRSTLY.—All that piece or parcel of land or Foras Freehold Salt Batty ground, situate, lying and being on the Eastern side of the Dadur Road, leading from Mahim to Bombay, containing by admeasurement One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-one square yards or thereabouts, registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old Nos. 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561 and 562, New No. 11893, and New Survey No. 1-2-21, and bounded as follows:—On the East by the Garden of Shri Girdharlalji Maharaj, on the West by the Batty ground of Manglia Zaveria, on the North by the property of Jeewandas Atooljee and Pandoo Cashnath Thakoor; and on the South by the ground of Manglia Zaveria Garad, and which said premises are now in the occupation of the abovenamed Govind Gangadher.
LOT No. II.
SECONDLY.—All that piece or parcel of land or Foras Freehold Salt Batty ground, situate, lying and being at Mahaluxmee, near B. B. and C. I. Railway, containing by admeasurement Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-three square yards or thereabouts, registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 360, New No. 11890, and New Survey No. 27-3, and bounded as follows:—On the East and North and South by the property of Jamsetjee Nusserwanjee Tata, and on the West by the property of Dinshaw Manockjee Petit, on which said premises are now in the occupation of the said Govind Gangadher.
LOT No. III.
THIRDLY.—All that piece or parcel of land or Foras Freehold Salt Batty ground, situate, lying and being at Near Chickalo, containing by admeasurement Two Thousand Five Hundred and Seventeen square yards or thereabouts, Reg'd crot in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 1, and New Survey No. 1-2-1, and bounded as follows:—On the East and the North by the property of Rathabai, on the West by the property of Ameena Pandia Lala and on the South by the property of Raghoba Janajee, and which said premises are now in the occupation of the said Defendant, Govind Gangadher.
For further particulars and conditions of sale application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. Wadia and Ghandy, Attorneys for the above named Plaintiff, at No. 19, Church Gate Street, Fort, Bombay—Dated this 5th day of December, 1893.
G. H. FARRAN,
Commissioner.

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196 packages turmeric.
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Bombay, December 25, 1893.

MENESSE AND COMPANY, No. 35, HUMMUM STREET.
AUCTION SALE OF DAMAGED AND BURNT COTTON
TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, the 26th inst., at 3 p.m., Messrs. MENESSE and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the Presidency Mills, near the B. B. and C. I. Railway Company's station, Parel, on account of the concerned—
A quantity of damaged and burnt cotton.
AUCTION SALE OF OILY HARD WASTE.
On WEDNESDAY, the 27th instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs. MENESSE & Co. will sell by Public Auction, by order of the Colaba Land and Mill Company, Limited, at their Mill Premises, Victoria Bunder, Colaba, on account and at the risk of Messrs. B. Rutton & Co.,
A quantity of oily hard waste.
On THURSDAY, the 28th instant, Messrs. MENESSE & Co. will hold their Weekly Auction Sale, at their Rooms, of a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods, twist, &c.
12 cases trousering cloths.
5 " fine Persian lawns.
1 " green cambrics.
3 " white mulls.
1 " bleached yarn.
1 " white shirtings.
75 drums Banner's patent turpentine.
10 cases Pilsener beer, in quarts and pints.
1 Bale of woollens of different varieties.
On account of the concerned—
193 cases tin plates.
MENESSE & Co.
Bombay, December 25, 1893.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY, No. 7, MARINE STREET.
Our Weekly Sale will be held TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, the 26th, instead of THIS DAY, MONDAY, the 25th instant, the latter being a Public Holiday.
WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.
TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, the 26th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey, white, and coloured piece-goods and the following:—
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On WEDNESDAY next, the 27th inst., at 3 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at the Hope Mills, Chinchpoogly by order of the Adjuster and on account of the Insurance officers concerned.
A large quantity of loose cotton damaged by fire and water.
A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.
On FRIDAY, the 29th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell Public Auction, at Military Square Lane, Madows Street, the whole of the Hotel furniture, consisting of black and teak wood drawing, dining and bed-room furniture, glass and crockery ware, lamps, pictures Brussels carpets, harmonium, musical box, &c.
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For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to Messrs. Pestonjee, Rustim, and Colah, Solicitors for the sub-mortgagee, or to the undersigned.
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JAS. H. SLEIGH,
Secretary and Treasurer.
Bombay, 14th December, 1893.

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GEO. B. REYNOLDS,
Manager, Warora Colliery.
Warora, 8th December, 1893.

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TO-DAY.

Christmas Day.

Christmas Dinners at the Alfred Sailors' Home, the Government Workhouse, and the Strangers' Home.

The Great Indian Circus, 9 p.m.

VESSELS ARRIVED.—The following vessels arrived on the 22nd :—Nasori (s), from Jedda. On the 23rd :—M. E. Russell (bq), from Mauritius; Pachumba (s), Karachi; Beatrice (s), Moulmein; Hozara (s), Calcutta; and Peninsular (s), London. Yesterday :—Ravenna (s), from Shanghai; and Agapanthus (s), London.

VESSEL SAILED.—The following vessels sailed on the 23rd :—Kola (s), and Bolton (s), for Karachi; Nadir (s), Calcutta, &c.; Avoca (s), Zanzibar, &c.; Sutlej (s), Aden; Clan Fraser (s), Genoa; and R. I. M. S. Mayo, Port Blair. Yesterday :—Chilka (s), for Calcutta, &c.; and Chanda (s), Persian Gulf.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The s. s. Nasori and Deepdale entered the dock on Friday; and the s. s. Avoca and Clan Fraser left it on Saturday.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The s. s. City of Perth and Hispania entered the dock on Friday; and the s. s. Vasna left it on Saturday.

THE MEWAR KARBHARI.—We are desired to state that Mr. Balagram Vyajee, secretary to Shri Maharaja Gowardhanalji of Nathadwar, Mewar, left London, on the 22nd December, for India.

ARRIVAL OF A NATIVE CHIEF.—Nawab Yarwar Hoosseinkhan Nawab Moothowar Jang Bahadur of Hyderabad (Deccan), accompanied by twenty-five followers, arrived in Bombay on Friday forenoon, and has taken up his residence, at Cowasji Darcowalla's bungalow, at Walkeshwar Road.

SECOND JUDGE OF THE SMALL CAUSES COURT.—The local pleaders were to give an address on Saturday, to Mr. Gunputrao Bhasker, Second Judge, Small Causes Court, in view of his approaching retirement from service, which takes place on the expiry of three months' leave, but the event was postponed on account of his illness, which took a bad turn on that day.

A GIRL ENTICED AWAY.—Saibee, a Hindoo woman, residing at 1st Sootar Gully, Falkland Road, has made a report to the police, that her step-daughter, named Foolie, aged twelve years, was kidnapped on the 18th instant, by one Motilal Gumma, a resident of Jodhpur, residing at Thakordwar. The girl had on her person gold and silver ornaments, of the value of Rs. 51. The police are making inquiries in the case.

A COMPLAINT FROM POONA.—Rao Sahib Vithal Narayen Pathak, the head-master of the High School, Poona, who was on a visit to Bombay, on the 16th instant, has written a letter from Poona, to the Bombay Police, complaining, that while he was staying at Pedder Road, Bombay, with the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranade, he had his silver watch No. 20953, by John Jones, valued at Rs. 80 with a gold key, valued at Rs. 5, stolen from a chair in the room occupied by him.

SUICIDE OF A PARSEE.—Mr. Byrne, the Deputy Coroner, held an inquest, on Saturday, at Mody Khana Street, touching the death of Bhicaji Eduji, a Parsee, aged eighty-eight years, residing in that locality. The deceased, who was a draper, had been suffering from consumption for the last thirty years. At noon, on Thursday last, he commenced vomiting and purging, and when asked by his son the cause of his sudden illness, refused to answer at first, but subsequently, at 2 o'clock, admitted having taken the preparation known as "rough on rats," with a view to committing himself. Dr. Mody was called and treated the deceased, who, however, never recovered, and died at 11 p.m., on Friday. A verdict of suicide was recorded.

GIFTS TO THE MUNICIPAL ZOOLOGICAL COLLECTION.—Two very good specimens of the Fishing Cat (*Felis viverrina*) have been presented to the zoological collection of the Victoria Gardens, by the Bombay Natural History Society. They were recently trapped near Goa, by Mr. T. S. Bramley. They resemble the domestic cat, and are of the colour known as "tabby," but are quite three times as large, and are exceedingly savage. The fishing cat haunts marshy thickets near rivers, swamps, or tidal creeks, and differ from most cats in feeding upon fish. They have been known, both in Bengal and Malabar, to kill calves, and sheep sometimes fall a prey to their ravages.

ALLEGED THEFT BY A NEIGHBOUR.—Anundji Mukin, residing at Abdool Rahiman Street, has made a report to the police, that some time between the 17th and 20th instant, two gold ornaments, of the collective value of Rs. 242, were stolen from a cupboard in his house. The complainant rests his suspicion on one Harj evan Lockmidas, who used to sleep in the verandah, opposite to complainant's door in the same house, and who saw complainant's wife putting ornaments in the cupboard on the evening of the 17th instant. The suspicion against the neighbour was confirmed when the police on making further inquiries discovered that the accused took the stolen property to a certain Marwaree, at Muajid Road, and offered it to him for sale, but the Marwaree refused to purchase it. The police are searching for the whereabouts of the accused, who has since absconded.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.—On Saturday, a meeting was held at Manockjee Sett's Wady, in the Fort, to witness the distribution of prizes, to the successful pupils attending the Nusserwanjee Manchorjee Cama Boys' School. Shumsul-Ulama Hajee Nusserwanjee Dosabhoy Banajan presided. Mr. Bamonjee Byramjee Patel, the superintendent of the school, read a report, from which it appeared that there are at present 133 pupils on the school-roll, 77 boys having left the school, and 90 having been admitted during the year, their ages ranging from five to fourteen years. The boys having been examined in some of the subjects of their studies, the chairman, after an appropriate address to the meeting, distributed the prizes. Thanks were voted to the trustees, the superintendent, and the chairman, and the proceedings terminated. Mr. Hormusjee Byramjee Cama presented Rs. 10 for distributing sweetmeats to the boys of the school.

PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS TO A HINDU TOURIST.—On Saturday evening, the members of the Luwana Sukha Vardhak Samaj presented a congratulatory address to Mr. Damodardas Govardhandas Sookhadwala, on his safe return to Bombay from Europe. Mr. Damodhardas had gone to Chicago at the time of the recent Exhibition there, as a delegate from Bombay, and from Chicago he went round on a tour to Europe, America, Japan, and China. This was his second tour to Europe, and he deserved the thanks of his community for breaking the ante-projibice against crossing the sea by going to Europe. The hall of Mulji Jetha Cloth Market was chosen as a suitable place for the presentation of the address, and the Hon. Mr. Javerilal U. Yajnik was called to the chair. There was a large gathering of Hindus. The address which was read and presented by the secretary of the Samaj alluded to Damodardas's moral courage and his wellknown and uncontentatious efforts for the amelioration of the moral, social, and religious condition of his countrymen, the gift of the People's Free Room and Library being one of the most conspicuous instances of his benevolence. Mr. Damodar, in acknowledging the compliment paid to him by the members of the Samaj, said that in doing what he had done he had simply discharged his duty towards his fellow-brethren. He at some length dwelt on the advantages of travels and described the interesting places he had visited, and impressed upon his hearers the commercial and other benefits that were likely to result by visits to Europe, America, China, and Japan. He was of opinion that any Hindu could now travel to any part of the world without offending his religious scruples. Several speakers congratulated Mr. Damodardas for his enterprizing spirit and devotion to the public weal. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—DECEMBER 21.

Galway, Lt-Col, R E, on leave, from Mauritius.

DECEMBER 22.

Palin, 2nd Lt-Bn, K O Y orks L I, on l ave, from Poona.
Eyre, Capt, Mr, A P Depôt, on duty, from Rangoon.
Fowle, Capt, Ms, 21st H sars, on leave, from Secunderabad.

DECEMBER 23.

Cardew, Lt, Bengal, 19th B Lancers, from leave, from England.
Shone, Lt-Col, Bengal, R E, from leave, from England.
Mason, Major, Bengal, 4th Lancers H C, on duty, from Bolarum.
Agnew, Capt, Bo, 7th Hussars, on leave, from Mhow.
Wyndham, Capt, Bengal, 11th Lancers, on leave.
Walpoole, Lt, Bo, R E, on duty, from Karachi.

DEPARTURES.—DECEMBER 22.

Foley, Lt, Bengal, 45th Sikhs, to rejoin, to Jhansi.

DECEMBER 23.

Agnew, Capt, Bo, 7th Hussars, on duty.
Hughes, Surgn-Col, Bo, P M O, on duty, to Aden.

DECEMBER 24.

Cardew, Lt, 10th Bengal, Lancers, on duty, to Calcutta.
Rossetor, Major, Bo, D A A G, for M, on leave.

PROVINCIAL GAZETTES.

(*Calcutta Gazette*).

Mr G W Place, Dist and Sess Judge, is appointed to act as Dist and Sess Judge of Burdwan, during the absence, on leave, of Mr H P Peterson, or until further orders.

Mr John Joseph Platel, who has recently been appointed to be a member of the I C S, is appointed to be an Asst Magte and Collr in the Burdwan Div, and is posted to the head-quarters station of the Midnapore district.

Mr Blanchard Foley, who has recently been appointed to be a member of the I C S, is appointed to be an Asst Magte and Collr in the Patna Div, and is posted to the head-quarters station of the Patna district.

Mr H P Peterson, Dist and Sess Judge, Burdwan, is allowed furlough for one year.

Mr W B Oldham, C I E, Commr of the Chittagong Div is allowed furlough for eight months.

Mr D B Horn, Ex Engr, is appointed to be Ex Engr, of the Circular and Eastern canals Division.

THE Queen has approved of the appointment of Lieutenant-General Arthur James Lyon Fremantle, C.B., to be Governor of Malta, in succession to General Sir H. A. Smyth, R.A., K.C.M.G., whose term of service will expire on Dec. 31 next. The new Governor entered the Army in 1852. In the late Egyptian War he was in charge of the defence of Suakin, and subsequently commanded the Brigade of Guards during the hostilities in the Eastern Soudan in 1885. General Fremantle was Deputy-Adjutant-General for the auxiliary forces at headquarters from 1886 to 1892.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a Chemist and get a Bottle of Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for Dysentery and Diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere at 1s. 1½d. per Bottle.

THE VETERINARY COLLEGE.

THE following letter has been addressed to the Secretary to Government (Educational Department) :—

SIR,—As it is said that the proposal to remove the Bombay Veterinary College from Parel is at present under the immediate contemplation of the committee appointed by Government I have the honor to submit the following for the consideration of the Government and the Committee—before whom this may be laid, and trust that both for the sake of efficiency and economy—irrespective of other minor advantages the Government will be pleased to amalgamate the Veterinary College with the Poona College of Science.

What I beg to submit is mostly from my personal experience on the subject during and after my tenure of Lectureship at the Veterinary College.

Of the two Departments a the Veterinary and Agriculture—of course the latter deserves the better attention of the Government as it is one of most vital interest for India;—it being the chief source of the Indian revenue and of the well-being of the millions of Indians. But as it is more or less dependent on the former—i. e., the Veterinary, and taking the circumstances of India into consideration it is highly advisable that the Veterinary Science and Agriculture should go hand in hand. The only way to gain this most vitally important object both with a point of view of economy and efficiency is to amalgamate the Veterinary College with the Poona College of Science under which the Agricultural education is already imparted on a sounder basis.

The reasons which would lead Government to shift the Veterinary College from Parel to Poona I beg to submit as under :—

1. That both the Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences are more or less dependent on each other, their education should therefore go hand in hand.

2. That the Poona climate is better suited for experimental researches in the patho-bacteriological laboratory than that of Bombay.

3. That there are certainly more and better facilities for Veterinary practice at Poona due to the large number of military horses available at hand and to various horse and cattle shows and races being held every year in Poona and close by at Ahmednugger.

4. That there is no field whatsoever for agricultural education in Bombay as at Poona.

5. That there is no dairy farm at hand in Bombay to teach the students, while in Poona there is not only an excellent dairy farm but also a qualified agriculturist at its head.

6. That there is no arrangement whatsoever made and is not practicable in Bombay for teaching the most important subject which is the back-bone of both the veterinary and agricultural practice and the principal source of two well-being of the Indian ryots—an indirect but staple source of the Indian revenue, viz., the "breeding and rearing of cattle."

7. That though in Bombay there does exist an elegant edifice for the patho-bacteriological laboratory for a number of years no research of any kind has been made for the reasons that not only the climate is against it but that of the present college staff the Head of the College is the only gentleman of whom such researches could be expected, but whose hands are so tied up with the various and multifarious duties of the college, both in its educational and official sides, in addition to those of the Animal Hospital, Lazaretto, Harbour Inspection, Veterinary Superintendence of the Victoria Gardens, &c., &c., and those under the Glanders and Farcy Act, that it is impossible to expect anything further from him in the shape of original bacteriological and other researches and experiments.

8. That the anomalous features in Bombay is that the Bombay Veterinary College, a Government Institution, is wholly dependent for its clinic and pathological and occasional cuttings on a hospital managed by a private society, whose actions may off and on come in the way of efficient teaching at the college, which if transferred to Poona shall have ample opportunities, both for educational purpose and experimental researches.

9. That not much attention has been paid to cattle pathology and there are no facilities for it in Bombay as there are in the districts and that the question of cattle treatment or prevention from the ravages of anthrax, rinderpest, tube cul sis, &c., which carry off annually millions of cattle and impoverish the Indian ryots and the Government Treasury could be better solved in Poona than in Bombay.

10. That the last but not the least important reason is that the Parel locality, wherein the Bombay Veterinary College is at present located, is a notoriously malarial district, and notwithstanding some recent improvements in the surrounds as within the college compound, considered unsuited for a sanitorial purpose.

I now beg to submit the advantages that would accrue by the amalgamation of the Veterinary College with the Poona College of Science, viz :—

1. That both the veterinary and agricultural education shall go hand in hand and that the objections mentioned above in the list of reasons marked Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 will be more or less obviated.

2. That there already exists a paid specialist for the patho-bacteriological researches at Poona, whose services are almost whole time for this most important subject, and therefore no further cost shall be entailed on the Government.

3. That there already exist a paid veterinarian at the Poona College of Science who could teach special veterinary subjects without further cost to Government, and if necessary and advisable could be replaced by a more competent and duly qualified veterinarian at a trifling additional cost.

4. That the minor subjects of Botany, Chemistry, &c., which are collateral branches could be better taught at the Poona College of Science which is fully equipped with the necessary appliances—almost wanting at the Bombay Veterinary College—for the reasons that these subjects are at Poona College entrusted to the University Graduates of better and longer standing who have been taught more fully, deeply, and lengthily for a number of years than the instructors at the Bombay Veterinary College, who have been taught superficially for a single year. And further that the latter the instructors may be dispensed with without any loss of efficiency and with economy, if the amalgamation does take place.

5. That by amalgamation of the veterinary education with the Poona College of Science the authorities of the Poona College shall be in a position to ask the University to grant veterinary diploma and thus the veterinary education shall rise in status in the public estimation.

For the reasons and advantages mentioned above I beg to submit that in the interest of both the veterinary and agricultural education to be imparted on a sounder basis it is highly advisable that the Government shall be pleased to locate veterinary education in conjunction with the agricultural in a place where all the necessary facilities are more easily available and where both the sciences can be taught with greater efficiency and economy, i.e., at the Poona College of Science.—Yours, &c..

(Sd.) NADERSHAW H. E. SUKHIA,
L. M. & S., L. V. Sc.,
Late Asst. Surgeon and Lecturer, G. V. College.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON FRIDAY THE 23RD OF DECEMBER, 1893.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has decreased almost everywhere. The fall has been brisk to rapid in the Punjab, Rajputana, North-West Provinces, Central India and at Ahmedabad, Bhuj, Rajkot, Veraval, Saugor, Jubulpore, Khandwa, Surat, Sholapur, Cochin, Masulipatam, and Negapatam, and moderate in other places. Readings are highest at Ajmere and lowest along the coast from Mangalore southwards as far round as Negapatam. Gradients are moderate to slight. Winds are very variable in direction and the force ranges from moderate to light. This morning the wind velocity was 16 miles an hour at Bombay. Both the maximum and minimum temperature variations are small and unimportant. The highest temperature in the shade was 90° at Ratnagiri and Cochin and the lowest 42° at Jacobabad. Humidity shows a rise in several places and the skies are cloudy to overcast at Mangalore, Bangalore, Madras, Pondicherry and Negapatam. No rain has fallen at any station. Winds on the Coromandel Coast show a tendency to cyclonic circulation and the weather appears to be equally rainy and unsettled to the east-south-east-wards of Negapatam in the Bay. At Madras the considerable increase of humidity shows that the weather will remain cloudy and that rain is probable there or in its neighbourhood. To the west-north-westwards of Sind in the Gulf the weather is probably in an unsettled condition.

S. H. C. HUTCHINSON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY.

Bombay, 22nd December, 1893.

Means of observations at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah.	29·993
Temperature of the Air	76·1
Wet Bulb Thermometer	67·7
Dew Point	63·3
Relative humidity of Air	0·757
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10)	0·0
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m. next day)	86·1
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	67·9
General Directions of wind*	E, ENE, WNW, NW, N.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours*	230

* From midnight to midnight.

THE Madrid correspondent of the *Standard* telegraphed on Dec. 6 :—Matters have suddenly taken a new turn at Melilla. Marshal Campos, probably displeased with the criticisms and comments of the Madrid Press, university students, schoolmasters, and some landowners. The aim of the society is separation of the Ruthenian Provinces from the Russian Empire. The methods advocated are revolutionary, and the means employed consisted in the distribution of separatist and revolutionary literature in the Ruthenian language among the peasants, who everywhere detest the name of the Great Russians, and have always exhibited a degree of independence unknown elsewhere in the Empire. Several ladies took an active part in the propaganda. The society had headquarters in Kharkoff, but the most numerous arrests have been made in Kieff. The conspirators, who were in communication with Austrian Ruthenians, and with two Russian emigrants now domiciled in Bulgaria, will be dealt with administratively. Three young girls, who left school a few months ago, are among those arrested. It is believed that several Ruthenians of St. Petersburg are likewise compromised.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

IT is probable that the Cantonment Code Committee, which will shortly assemble at Calcutta, will consist only of Major-General Sanford, Mr. Lee Warner, and Mr. Clogstoun : but Lieutenant-Colonel Young, Assistant Quartermaster-General, Mr. Wigley, of the Legislative Department, and two Magistrates will be attached to the Committee to give all the necessary assistance in framing the regulations.

MR. DAUKES, Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Assam, intend proceeding on furlough in February or March. The officiating appointment should naturally fall to Mr. Melitus, Deputy Secretary in the Home Department, who belongs to the Assam Commission. Under this arrangement Mr. Thornton would be retained in the Home Department Secretariat instead of returning to the North-West Provinces.

AS was anticipated in regard to the deadlock among the senior officers of the Army Medical Staff, the post of Principal Medical Officer, Madras Army, in succession to Surgeon-Major-General Hoysted, goes to Surgeon-Colonel Walsh ; Surgeon-Colonel Martin being transferred from Allahabad to Lucknow to take the place of Surgoon-Colonel Walsh.

THE East Coast Railway, which covers a length of about 516 miles from Bezwada to Cuttack, including Cocanada, Vizagapatam and Gunjam branches, was after the opening of the Kistna bridge under the control and supervision of one officer, who was designated the Engineer-in-Chief, East Coast Railway. This control has now been divided and placed under two different officers by the Director-General of Railways, viz., the open section from Bezwada to Vizianagram under the management of Mr. A. Brereton, who is styled the Manager of the East Coast Railway and the unopened section from Vizianagram to Cuttack under the supervision of Mr. J. R. Bell, who will be known now as the Engineer-in-Chief, East Coast Railway. The head-office of the latter officer has been removed from Setanagram to Waltair, which is now the place where the offices of the Manager, East Coast Railway, and Engineer-in-Chief, East Coast Railway are situated.

THE cold weather session of the Imperial Legislative Council will commence very shortly. Among the Bills which will probably be disposed of are those relating to Merchant Shipping, Presidency Small Cause Courts, Habitual Offenders, the Codes of Civil and Criminal Procedure, the Indian Limitation and Ports Acts, the Penal Code, the Fisheries and the Prisoners Acts ; and as regards the Stamp Act an amendment of those sections relating to sea insurance and the sale of certificates. There are in all eleven Bills before the Council : but those for the amendment of the Bankruptcy and Land Acquisition Acts are not likely to be proceeded with at present.

AMONGST the lighter incidents of the Ferozepore manœuvres was the sudden appearance of the Adjutant of the Highlanders during a fierce battle in the lines of the Buffs who were of the opposing faction. He was only taking a short cut to ask for orders from the Brigadier, which was accepted as a very sufficient reason for not being made a prisoner. Two lancers of the Southern force, who were found by the Adjutant in the very midst of the camp of the Northern force in the centre, with a friendly *khit* in the transport, giving the full details of the position, were sent back to their army with a little wholesome advice.

SOME years ago the Soldiers' Industrial Exhibition, which is usually held at one of the large military stations, was transferred to Calcutta. Although the experiment was most successful, for some reason or another the exhibition was not transferred to Northern India. This year it is to be held once more in Calcutta, at the Indian Museum, on the 4th of January. Sir Charles Elliott will formally declare the exhibition open and from the 5th to the 31st of January, the public will have access to it free of charge. Everything that can be done will be done to popularise the exhibition. Apart from the objects which it has in view, and which in themselves are enough to attract visitors, between the hours of 5 and 8 every evening a military band will be in attendance. Refreshments will be served, and the efforts of the Committee seem to be directed towards making the exhibition a pleasant lounge before dinner. The exhibits are numerous, and should command a ready sale. General Lance is President of the Committee, and Lieutenant E. Witham, Honorary Secretary.

A FINE Native composition, says the *Overland Mail*, is a pamphlet issued without imprint, whose author signs himself—"The humble wisher of Humankind, and the faithful subject of British Rule, Zaiul-Haq." The address of this benevolent and patriotic citizen is not given, but he is deeply concerned about the doings of "the two Mirzas"—gentlemen who appear to be resident and extremely active in the State of Bhopal. The title of the pamphlet is sensational enough—"The reign of Terror in Bhopal State. Mo's Startling Disclosure of Murders, Bribery, Oppression, and other Diabolical Acts, perpetrated by or at the Institution of, &c." It is impossible to summarise here Mr. Zaiul-Haq's allegations in support of the comprehensive libel above quoted. If it be true, as stated in the pamphlet, that Sir Lepel Griffin had the two incriminated persons expelled from Bhopal, and that they have returned and recovered an influential position in the State, it might be worth while to test the accuracy of the writer's statements, for Sir Lepel Griffin is a very powerful man. Mr. Zaiul Haq says :—Munshi Imtiyaz Ali is a nominal minister, but in fact these two brothers have all the power of the Ministry. When there is such a relation between the Minister and them, it is apparent that all the officers and the servants of the State are at their mercy. Their power, influence, and authority know no bounds ; all those who have lawsuits in the Courts or any other business relating to the State present themselves at their feet to obtain success. The rich and the poor, the low and the great, all look to them for their peace and safety. Those who are against them are against the State and can find no mercy here. Their unlawful pride and haughtiness have shed the blood of many poor. These unhappy people are utterly ruined ; their property is confiscated ; they are reduced to poverty and slavery and are at last expelled from the State.

IT may be remembered that when, some considerable time ago, attention was drawn to the importation into Calcutta from Glasgow of so-called whiskey which was sold at two shillings a case, the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce declared that the spirit was German and not Scotch. There is a passage in Captain Lugard's new book, however, which shows plainly enough that British merchants have not been ashamed to make profit out of a traffic in the sale of this poison. One Glasgow merchant, who was engaged in the export trade, told a friend "that a whole case of this stuff, as it stood on the ship's deck, did not cost more than 2s. The friend was incredulous. To prove the truth of his statement, he had the exact details calculated. The total cost was 1s. 9½d. ! This included the wood, the making of the packing-case, the nails bottles, corks, labels, transport charges, *and the liquor*. Deducting all the extra items, what was the cost of the actual spirit ? He told me it was, absolutely and literally, poison." It is true that this particular merchant resigned all connection with the trade when he found out the real facts, but that there are plenty of others to continue the work is indicated by the fact that the imports into one small section of West African territory were valued at 1¼ million sterling. And this is the nation which is conscience-stricken at the vision of the Indian peasant indulging in his morsel of opium.

THE investigation of the charge against the three young men accused of attempting to blow up the Nelson Monument at Montreal was begun on Saturday, Dec. 2, before a Judge of First Instance. The detective who arrested the prisoners said they treated the matter as a joke. An expert testified that the bomb carried by the prisoners would probably have only partly destroyed the monument.

BARON MANTEUFFEL declared on behalf of the Conservatives that the return of the Order would not conduce to the maintenance of religious peace. The Free Conservatives, National Liberals and moderate Liberals also declared against the abrogation of the law. The Radicals made their vote in favour of the motion dependent on the previous abolition of some of clauses of the criminal code by which the free criticism of religious orders and institutions is prohibited under certain circumstances. The Social Democrats, who disapprove of any exceptional law, voted for the motion, which was finally passed by 173 against 136 votes. The Government made no pronouncement whatever on the matter.

DR. DOKITCH, having definitely resigned his office as Premier, the condition of his health having become serious, King Alexander on Dec. 4 sent for General Gruitch, and entrusted him with the duty of forming a Cabinet. The choice is generally regarded with approval, as the new Premier belongs to the Moderate section of the Radical Party. The choice of M. Patchitch, the leader of the extreme and Anti-Austrian Party, would probably have involved Servia in difficulties with the Dual Monarchy.

A LONDONDERRY telegram says that two distinct attempts to wreck trains were made on Dec. 4 on the Great Northern Railway of Ireland, near St. Johnston. The 4-40 out train had not proceeded far from the city before heavy stones which had been placed across the line were run into, with the result that the engine guard was smashed. The line was immediately blocked between Derry and St. Johnston, and the search party which was sent out found that four other large stones had been placed on the metals, over which an incoming train was due to pass. The outrages have caused much excitement but no arrests have been made.

MORE confidence, the Vienna correspondent of the *Times* says, is felt in the Windischgratz Cabinet than when it first took office. Though composed of heterogeneous elements, there seems at present little danger of dissension among its members on any of the important questions with which they are likely to be called upon to deal for at least the next twelve months. Herr von Plener, the Minister of Finance, has the confidence of Austrian and Hungarian financial circles, and there is believed to be harmony between him and Dr. Wekerle, who, besides the Premiership, holds the Hungarian portfolio of Finance. The state of affairs is better than was anticipated when the new Austrian Government was formed. The Cabinet was looked upon as a mere makeshift and as a last alternative to Parliamentary anarchy. Instead of that it promises to turn out a rather strong Government, and although it would be premature to say more at such an early stage of its career, yet it may be stated with confidence that its prospects are fairly reassuring.

THE Ministerial crisis in Italy continues. Signor Zanardelli's efforts to form a new Cabinet have met with many obstacles, and at length Signori Saracco and Sonnino, on whose cooperation he much relied, declined to join him. Signor Sonnino, it appears, said new and heavy taxes were unavoidable, while Signor Zanardelli considers no such programme could obtain a majority. Telegraphing on December 6, the correspondent of the Times said :—The formation of the Ministry appears to be suspended, and new complications will probably arise. Numerous versions of the difficulty are current, but nothing is really known. It is thought that Signor Zanardelli will have to relinquish the task of forming a Cabinet. The Rome correspondent of the *Daily News*, the War Minister has declared officially that, under the present social circumstances, duelling could not be removed from the world in spite of the existing laws. It was the only means of settling certain quarrels, as otherwise "one would have to use one's fists." Besides this, duelling not only existed among officers, but in almost all the educated circles, and as long as this was the case the sanguinary code would be maintained among the officers. The War Minister raised a regular storm of protest, and one of the members of the Diet denounced the speech as "shocking."

AT a meeting of the Central Branch of the National League, held in Dublin on Dec. 5, Mr. Harrington, M.P., complained of the neglect of the Government to deal with the question of the evicted tenants. If the Government did not at the commencement of the next session announce their intention of dealing seriously with the question, Mr. Parnell, he said, would recommend the evicted tenants all over Ireland to follow the example of the Do Freyne tenantry and retake possession of their holdings, thus compelling the Government to provide a remedy for the present desperate condition of affairs.

ON Friday, Dec. 1, the Centre brought forward in the Reichstag their Bill to repeal the law of July 1872 against the Jesuits. Count Hompesch, who is leader of the party since Count Ballestrem refused to follow it on the Army Bill, disclaimed all desire to revive the bitter memories of the Culturkampf :—Socialists and Anarchists are free to preach the destruction of every social institution, and a Jesuit alone is expelled for preaching the Word of God. Herr Bebel prophesied the speedy advent of the day when the red flag would float over churches and palaces. The Cathedral of Germany wished to see no other flag but that of the Cross wave over the churches, no other standard but the imperial standard over her palaces, and it was to help to maintain them against the forces of Social Democracy that they demanded the return of the Jesuits. In the course of the debate Dr. Lieber repelled the charge brought against the Roman Curia of pursuing a policy inimical to German national interests. Cardinal Rampolla, the Pontifical Secretary of State, had only quite recently declared that the Holy See avoided all interference with the political organisations both of the Triple Alliance and of the Powers opposed to it. If, however, proceeded Dr. Lieber, it should ever come about that the Holy See displayed an intention to pursue a policy friendly to the Russo-French alliance, the German Catholics would not allow their interpretation of the dogma of Papal infallibility to be so stretched as to deter them from fulfilling their political duties to the German people and empire.

AT a meeting of the Mitchelstown Board of Guardians the other day a site was granted on the square of Mitchelstown, the scene of the shooting affair of Sept. 9, 1887, for the erection of a national monument to the late Mr. John Mandeville and the three men killed by the police.

THE body of Mr. James Simpson, of Inverboyndie, senior partner in the firm of James Simpson and Sons, of Banff Distillery, has been found by one of his workmen lying face downwards in the snow on the road to the west of the Tollbar, at Banff. One of the shafts of the pony trap was lying across his back and holding him to the ground, and across the end of the shaft his pony lay. It is supposed that in the snowstorm which raged during the previous day, while on the way home from the town the pony collided with the bank, overturned the vehicle, and that the deceased had been suffocated in the snow.

ADMIRAL DE MELLO, with the warship Aquidaban and an armed merchant vessel, has left the harbour of Rio de Janeiro after a sharp encounter with the Government forts. He sailed to the southward, but it is believed that his intention is to intercept the Government vessels which are *en route* for Brazil from New York.

TWO measures for the reform of the marriage laws were introduced into the Hungarian Parliament on Saturday, Dec. 2. One of them provides for compulsory civil marriage, which will alone be recognised by the law. Provision is also made for the legal dissolution of marriage. Persons who are forbidden to marry according to the ordinances of the Church to which they belong are not to be allowed to marry without the permission of the Church authorities. Clergymen and others who perform the religious ceremony before proof has been given of civil marriage are subjected to a fine of 1,000 crowns for the first offence, and to fine and imprisonment in the event of its repetition. The other Bill, dealing with mixed marriages, provides that in case of the marriage of persons of different faiths the religion of the children may be decided before the ceremony, but if no such decision be come to the children are to follow the religion of their father. M. Szilagyi, Minister of Justice, in introducing the Civil Marriage Bill, made an exhaustive statement and defence of its principles.

THE Khedive on Dec. 2 opened the Suez Canal Company's steam tramway, connecting Ismailia and Port Said a distance of fifty miles. The tramway has a gauge of only 30 inches, and will be used solely for the carriage of mails and passengers. The journey between the two towns will occupy three hours.

DURING the past month twenty-six certificates of naturalisation were granted to aliens by the Home Secretary under the provisions of the Naturalisation Act, 1870. Of these aliens, nine are described as coming from Russia, seven from Germany, three from France, and one each from Greece, Belgaum, Austria-Hungary, Norway, Switzerland, and Roumania.

INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

The final Memorandum on the Early Cotton Crop of the Deccan and Second Memorandum on the Late Crop of Gujarat, Karnatak and Sind, for the Season of 1893-94, is as follows, the estimates being generally up to 1st December :—

EARLY DISTRICTS (DECCAN).

The area (1,221,000 acres) is below last year by about 3 per cent., but above average by about 15 per cent. Except in Satara the decrease has been general in all districts, being most marked in Ahmednagar. The outturn though nearly 30 per cent less than that estimated as a full average yield is 46 per cent. more than that of last year.

Khandesh.—Area 1,07,400 acres or as much as last year and 12 per cent. above average. The increase would have been greater but that 22,000 acres of crop rotted owing to heavy August rains and had to be ploughed up. The exotic varieties—American and Hinganghati—are returned as occupying about 24 per cent. of the total cotton area of the district ; these figures show an increase on last year's area of more than 12 per cent. ; but they must be accepted with caution for the reason to believe that cropless land prepared for kharif jowari was sown with cotton as rain for sowing the former was deficient. Late rains have been beneficial and the condition of the crop is good except in a few places in Dharwar, where exotic cotton is diseased.

Karnatak States.—have 238,000 acres with an increase of 33 and 27 per cent. above last year and average. In Sangli the crop was almost entirely destroyed by locusts and the land was sown with cotton. Condition good.

Sind.—Area 73,400 acres or 9 per cent. above last year, though 11 per cent. below average. The figures for Hyderabad, the principal cotton growing district of Sind, are approximate and are liable to alteration. In Hyderabad the increase is attributed to an early rise in the Indus last year, to the high cotton prices and in Thar and Parkar to reduction in assessment and to railway communication. Condition of crop, however, not satisfactory owing to absence of rain and appearance of pink bollworm.

Khairpur.—has 2,000 acres with a fair crop.

BERAR. COTTON.

The final report submitted by the Local Administration on the crop of the season 1893 is as follows :—

"In the second memorandum on the cotton crop, published on the 17th October last, the fair weather then prevailing was reported to be counteracting the effects of the previous heavy rainfall. Prospects continued good until the end of the month, and it seemed reasonable to suppose that a crop considerably above the average would be gathered. But unusual rain set in during the first part of November and continued for some days, causing extensive damage in some districts by knocking off the bolls that were then ripening. The firs pickings will consequently be light, and are not likely to command a full price in the market. On the whole, prospects are not so favourable as when the last report was submitted.

"The estimated area under cotton in the six districts of Berar amounts to 2,202,362 acres against 2,186,572 of the previous year, so that the increase is small, amounting to less then 1 per cent. Compared with the normal area 2,240,000 acres, the difference is not excessive, showing a decrease of 1·3 per cent. only. Insufficiency of rainfall in parts of the province at sowing time slightly diminished the area under cotton.

"The gross outturn is estimated at 239,083 bales of 400lb., or a yield of 28 per cent. above last year's crop, but still 21 per cent. below the figures quoted as the normal outturn. In the Akola district the yield is very poor, much below that of last year, and the quinquennial average ; the most favourable outturn is reported from the Amrobti and Buldana districts, which show considerable increase over last year's figures.

"Figures cannot be quoted for columns 8 and 11, no standard rate having yet been fixed for Berar ; experiments to determine this are now annually undertaken."

SESAM MUSTARD.

The following preliminary report on the crop for the season 1893-94 has been received from the Local Administration :—"The rainfall in the months of August and September somewhat retarded the sowing of linseed, and in parts of Wun and Basim districts the outturn of this crop had to be resown owing to damage from excessive rain in November. Throughout the province the season up to date is favourable, and the crop generally is in very good condition. A satisfactory outturn is expected if present favourable prospects continue."

BERAR WHEAT.

The first report received from the Local Administration on the crop of the season 1893-94 is as follows :—"Owing to late and heavy rain in the month of November, the sowing of wheat delayed. Sowing operations are still in progress in the Daria pur taluka of the Ellichpur districts, and in parts of the Wun and Bassim districts. The decrease in area is due to the bad harvest of wheat last year, unusual rain at the time of sowing, and scarcity of good seed. The crop as it now stands appears promising ; it is in good condition and the recent rainfall is expected to improve it. The season up to date is favourable and as satisfactory outturn is anticipated."

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE s s Beltor 1,929 tons Captain T J Holman, cleared on Saturday last, for Karachi, in ballast.

THE s s Deepdale, 1,715 tons, Captain H Nicholls, cleared on Saturday last, for Karachi in ballast.

THE B I S N Co's s s Chilka, 1,450 tons, Captain M G Williams, sailed yesterday for Calcutta &c. with a general cargo.

THE Clan Line s s Clan Fraser, 1,330 tons, Captain W Henderson, sailed on Saturday last for Genoa with a general cargo.

THE Royal Indian Marine steamer Mayo, under the command of Captain De Berry, sailed on Saturday last for Port Blair.

THE Bombay and Persia S N Co's s s Naseri, 850 tons, Captain R J Raffin, arrived in harbour on the 22nd instant from Jedda (3rd December) with a general cargo, and 70 deck passengers.

THE s s Beatrice, 1,442 tons, Captain, J Edwards arrived in harbour on Saturday last, from Moulmein, (15th December) with a cargo of timber. The vessel is consigned to Messrs James Mackintosh and Co.

THE Barque Mary, E Russell, 548 tons, Captain W S Nickels, arrived in harbour on Saturday last, from Mauritius via Karachi with a cargo of sugar. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Visram Ebrahim and Co.

THE B I S Co's s s Pachumba, 514 tons, Captain S Boon, arrived in harbour on Saturday last from Karachi (21st December), with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Lieut Walpole, Miss B Bailey, Mr Hamilton, Mrs Mair, Mr Tarachand, Mr R J Rustomjee, Mr M D D Lalchand, and 110 deck.

THE B I S N Co's s s Kola, 497 tons, Captain E C Russell, sailed on Saturday last, for Karachi, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr Dumayne, Mr H Gillard, Mr J Robertson, Mr J Lightfoot, Captain E H Cox, Lieut R G Patridge, Mr G Sinclair, Mrs and Miss F J Botleboy and child, and 20 deck.

THE B I S N Co's s s Chanda, 304 tons, Captain S S Boon, sailed yesterday for the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr A Conley, Mr Basil Scott, Mr and Mrs O A Henricke, Miss Tochinschwick, Mr Cassum, Mr B Mundil, Mr Syed Ahmed, Mr Dhunjeeshaw and friend, Mr Mahomed Hoosein, Mrs Mary Solomon, one lady and 65 deck.

ARRIVAL OF THE CHINA AND AUSTRALIAN MAILS.

THE P and O Co's s s Ravenna, 1,915 tons, Captain G W T Browne, arrived in harbour yesterday, from China via Colombo, with her Majesty's China and Australian Mails, a general cargo and the following passengers:—Dr Hefiderson, Mrs Abed, Mrs Shooker Mr Abed and two servants, Rev L J Noronha, Mr and Mrs Scott Barbor, Mrs E G Creasey, Mr C Hills, Dr S Newton, Mr C B Nicholson, Mr Peter de Saram, Mr S R de Saram, Mr J N Swan, Mr and Mrs Van Rooyan, Mr and Mrs Coomarasmany, Mr D Muthasamy, Mr M Ratnasahapathy, Mr and Mrs Burrows, Mr J N Johnston, Mr A Y Daniel and child, Mr and Mrs Hinley, Mr C Toaffie, Mr F Clarke and 37 deck.

VESSELS IN DOCK.—DECEMBER 23.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shd.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
A	Deepdale	1715	Nickolls	Karachi	25-12	W & A Graham
B	Clio	1779	Wood	Hull	24-12	F Muir & Co
C	Mobile	350	McAdam	Persian Gulf	B & P S N Co	
C	Nasri	850	Raffin	Red Sea	B & P S N Co	
G	John Davis	1013	Richard	Calcutta	29-12	H A Hassam
N	Aldgate	2308	Chesire	Hamburgh	31-12	K Nixon & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Brahmani...823 Budrodes.....Bhownagur...23-12 Shepherd & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shd.	Vessels.	Ton	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
1	Lycia	2126	McNay	Karachi	26-12	K Nixon &Co
2	Hispania	326	Rodger	Persian Gulf	B & P S N Co	
4	Malwa	1694	Blackburn	China	27-12	P & O Co
6	Kt. Companion	2343	Durant	Antwerp	31-12	K Nixon
7	Imperatrix	2334	Eggar	Trieste	31-12	P & O S N Co
10	City of Perth	2205	Swan	Liverpool	2-1-94	Sir C Forbes
12	C. Cameron	1585	Barr	Hamburgh	2-1-94	F Muir
15	Vassa	472	Richford	Bhownagur	23-12	M Vadilia

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
22	Naseri (s)	Raffin	Jedda. Dec 3.
23	M. E. Russell (bq).	Nickels	Mauritius.
	Pachumba (s)	Boon	Karachi, Dec 21.
	Beatrice (s)	Edwards	Moulmein, Dec 12.
	Huzara (s)	Blott	Calcutta, Nov 25.
	Peninsular (s)	Baker	London, Dec 1.
24	Rajendra (s)	Browne	Shanghai, Dec 2.
	Agapanthus (s)	Tod	London, Dec 5.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
23	Kola (s)	Russell	Karachi, &c.
	Nadir (s)	Budd	Calcutta, &c.
	Avoca (s)	Nacola	Zanzibar, &c.
	Sutlej (s)	Worcester	Aden.
	Clan Fraser (s)	Henderson	Genoa.
	Bellotor (s)	Holman	Karachi.
	R I M S Mayo	DeBerry	Port Blair.
24	Chilka (s)	Williams	Calcutta, &c.
	Chanda (s)	Boon	Persian Gulf.

The Steamer Deepdale, Captain Nicholls, obtained her port clearance on Saturday last, for Karachi.

The following vessels entered for loading on Saturday last:—
Steamer Mombassa, for Calcutta, &c.
" Umballa, for Calcutta, Rangoon, &c.
" Patna, for coasts ports and Calcutta.
" City of Perth, for Liverpool.
" Beatrice, for Trieste, and Venice.
" Hispania, for Liverpool, &c.

VESSELS IN BOMBAY HARBOUR.

City of Perth (s), 2205, Swan
Clio (s), 1779, Wood
Knight Companion (s), 2343, Durant
Aldgate (s), 2308, Cheshire
Clan Cameron (s), 1585, Barr
Hispania (s), 2313
Cl. Fraser (s), 1330, Henderson
Imperatrix (s), 2140, Nicolich
Clyde (s), 2168, Duffield
Tai-Yick (s), 1056, Emke
Assam (s), 1611, Creery
Brindisi (s), 2127, Blackburn
Gwallor (s), 1612, Speck
Malwa (s), 1694, Blackburn
Nizam (s), 1615, Leigh
Siam (s), 1582, Wrighell
Surat (s), 1577, Hill
Thibet (s), 1605, Denny
Lindisfarne (s), 1944, Andrew
Beltor (s), 1930, Holman
Deepdale (s), 1715, Sharp
Inishowen Head (s), 1988, Thompson
Lycia (s), 2126, Bird
Almora (s), 1667, Forbes
John Davis (s), 1013, Richards
Hutton Hall (sp), 1989, Rowlands
Ladakh (sp), 1942, Thomas

GOVERNMENT STEAMERS.

H M S Cossack, Cross
H M S Assaye, Hereford
H M S Marathon, Hill
H M S Sphinx, Pelly
R I M S Clive, Finny
R I M S Dalhousie, Black
R I M S Minto, Billings
R I M S Plassy, Gunn
R I M S Mayo, DeBerry

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.		
29	Palamcotta s	Windebank..Singapore, Dec 6.
	Lyndhurst sp.....	Martin .....New York, Aug 6.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 20.—Steamers Manora and Malda; ship Queen of England.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.		
20	Lindula s	..... Negapatam.
21	Eridan s	..... Calcutta.
	Kerbela s	..... Rangoon.
	Baria s	..... Hamburg.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.		
20	Henzada s	..... Rangoon.
	Clan Murray s.....	..... London.
	Nowshera s	..... Negapatam.
	Lindula s.....	..... Rangoon.
	Khandalla s	..... Bombay.

ADEN SHIPPING REPORT.

ARRIVALS.				DEPARTURES.		
Date.	Vessel.	Commander.	From	Date.	To
October.					
18	Pigeon H M's	Gray	Cruise	...	...
December.					
4	Semaramis (Fs. Yacht)	Viel	Bushire	12	Suez
5	Berkhud	Gibb	Muscala	15	Muscala
8	Maria Teresa	Mitis	Trieste	12	Calcutta
12	Holyrood	Rattle	Cardiff	...	...
	Scotia	Cato	Seychelles	12	London
	Valetta	Briccoe	London	...	Sydney
	Naseri	Raffin	Mussowa	13	Bombay
13	Ville de La Ciotat	Fiaschi	Marseilles	...	Sydney
	Kaiserl-Hind	Seymour	Calcutta	...	London
	Imperatrix	Nicolich	Trieste	...	Bombay
	Venetia	Ghezzo	Muscat	...	Mussowa
	Castle Eden	Shadwick	Port Natal	...	...
	Chusan	Thompson	London	13	Calcutta
14	Massilia	Crewe	Sydney	14	London
	Shannon	Crewe	Bombay	...	...
	Conrad	Bunker	Natal	14	Amsterdam
	Tigris	Miller	Bussorah	16	London
15	Eiphinstone R I M	Mitchell	Suez	15	Perim
	Tuna	Peters	Somali-coast	17	Somali coast
	Valerie	Costanzo	Bombay	16	Trieste
16	Congo	Jones	Cocanada	...	Marseilles
	Woodcock	Craig	Hodeida	18	Hodeida
	Gera	Schuckmann	Bremen	16	Sydney
	Elphinstone R I M	Mitchell	Perim	...	...
	Haxby	Brown	Bombay	17	Dunkirk
17	Caledonien	Flondre	China	...	Marseilles
	Murrex	Barry	Singapore	...	London

Aden, December 17.

DAILY EXPORTS.—DECEMBER 23.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

City of Perth s—60 bales wool, E Sowjee; 900 cwts linseed, N Nensee; 45 bales wool, Jadowjee Carra; 590 cwts myrabollans, J Hurrichand; 260 bales cotton, Finlay Muir and Co; 75 bales wool, M Thakersee; 14 bales wool, D Dossa; 175 bales wool, M Cassambhoy and Co; 637 cwts myrabollans, H Govindjee; 2,010 cwts myrabollans, S Ramjee; 900 cwts myrabollans, H C S H Soomar; 200 bales hemp, N Futehally; bales wool, N Nanjee; 60 bales wool, M Jaitha; 30,600 cwts wheat, Sanday and Co; 27,000 cwts wheat, and 834 cwts myrabollans, Ralli Brothers; 501 cwts myrambalins, Ewart Latham and Co; 8,022 cwts myrabollans, E Domarejee; 300 bales cotton, Lyon and Co.

Hispania s—2,400 cwts bonemeal, H Kaderbhoy; 50 cwts coir yarn, D Mancherjee and Co; 7,300 cwts wheat, Sanday, and Co; 400 cwts coir yarn, T Lawjee; 600 bales cotton: Lyon and Co; 135 bales cotton, Thos H Moore and Co, 275 bales wool, I N Khatow; 28 bales wool, K Shurriff and Co; 250 bales wool, G Tooisidas; 60 bales wool, M Lalljee

FOR HAMBURG.

Clan Cameron s—55 bales cotton, Lyon and Co; 4,001 cwts linseed, F Fischer and Co; 5,009 cwts bone meal, C Mahomed; 220 bales cotton, E D Sassoon and Co; 55 bales cotton, Durst Hosli and Co.

FOR HAVRE.

Aldgate s—4 bales cotton, F Sauquet and Co; 75 cwts gum, E Meiffre; 1,005 cwts myrabollans, David Sassoon and Co.

FOR ANTWERP.

Kt Companion s—110 bales cotton, E Sinner and Co; 5,298 cwts wheat, F Fischery and Co; 5,200 cwts linseed, H Kaderbhoy; 100 bales cotton, A S Moodellar and Co; 449 cwts linseed, Killick Nixon and Co; 220 bales cotton, Lyon and Co.

FOR GLASGOW.

Hispania s—237 tons bone meal, H Kaderbhoy.

FOR TRIESTE.

Imperatrix s—330 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co.

FOR ODESSA.

Imperatrix s—110 bales cotton, Gaddum Bythell and Co.

FOR VENICE.

Impeperatrix s—100 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Hispania s—2,292 cwts mowrassed, 735 cwts gingellyseed, 1,103 cwts castorseed, 200 cwts rapeseed, and 1,380 cwts linseed, J Fachiri; 2,06; cwts wheat, 10,300 cwts groundnuts, 3,950 cwts teaseed, and 1,400 cwts castorseed, Ralli Brothers; 2,001 cwts linseed, D Nanjee; 100 bales cotton, J Fachiri; 6,000 cwts groundnuts, and 12,285 cwts gingellyseed, E D Sassoon and Co; 80 bales cotton, Gadhum Bythell and Co; 100 bales cotton, F Sauquet and Co.

FOR BARCELONA.

Hispania s—45 bales cotton, Durst Hosli and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Malwa s—225 cwts cloves, F M Chinai; 70 cwts shankins, and 53 cwts bodlium, M Cassombhoy and Co.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 23.

WITH the exception of a decline of ½ per cent. in Rupee Securities at £65¾; and change in the market rates of discount, by which that on short London Bills was advanced 1-8 per cent. to 2¼ per cent., while that on six months' sight Indian Bank Paper was reduced to the same extent, say to 2½ per cent. also, there was no change in any of the London financial quotations usually wired by Reuter, yesterday. The weekly shipments of Specie to India are wired at £190,000 in Silver to Bombay and £40,000 of the same metal to Calcutta, making the shipments of Silver to this port during the present month amount to £660,000. The quotation for Silver in New York yesterday was still nominal; with demand Exchange on London ½ cent lower, at 4·87 dollars. Paris quotations were unaltered.

The Wheat and Seed Markets were unchanged yesterday. The total quantity of Wheat afloat for the United Kingdom was 2,690,000 quarters, or 10,000 quarters more than was upon the water a week ago.

To-day, there are no fresh financial advices to hand, the London Stock Exchange and markets generally being closed for the 'Xmas holidays.

An advance of 1-16d. per lb. took place in the price of spot Mid.-American Cotton in Liverpool yesterday, at 4 5-16d. per lb.; and American Arrivals were 3-64d. higher in the nearer positions and 1-16d. in the most distant, the extreme quotations being 4 13-64d. for December-February deliveries, and 4 9-32d. for April-May. In East Indian Cotton, all grades of Bengals, Good Madras Westerns, and Good Tinnevellys were 1-16d. lower. The market closed firm; Surats quiet, and Arrivals firm; the day's Sales having aggregated 12,000 bales, East Indian *nil*. The day's Imports were 1,000 bales. In the Manchester Market there was a slightly improved tendency. It is announced that there will be holidays until Wednesday.

Cotton business fell off sensibly in Liverpool during the week ending yesterday, the total Sales having been 13,000 bales less than in the week preceding, at 73,000 bales; while the amount forwarded to consumers was 6,000 bales smaller, at 79,000 bales. The week's Imports were 13,000 bales less, at 115,000 bales. The total Stock had increased during the week by 27,000 bales; but, as it stood yesterday, it was 395,000 bales lighter, than at the same time last year, and 151,000 bales less than in 1891. The total Visible Supply of Cotton for all Europe had increased during the week by 80,000 bales; but of Surats there were 6,000 bales less in sight, the figures which we give below now showing in the total supply an increase this year of 57,000 bales compared with last year, but a decrease of 173,000 bales as against the year before; and in the case of East Indian Cotton, a falling off of 16,000 bales and 28,000 bales, in the same comparison, respectively. The price of ready Mid.-American Cotton was the same yesterday as on the previous Friday, and Arrivals were upon about the same level; the spot quotations being 15-16d. lower than at the same time last year, though 1-16d. higher than in 1891.

Ready Mid.-Uplands Cotton was unchanged in value in New York yesterday, at 7 15-16 cents per lb., but March Futures were 8 points lower, at 7·77 cents. The Receipts at the U. S. Ports were heavy at 53,000 bales, making the week's total considerably more than for the corresponding week last year and the year before, especially the latter, the total figures to date now showing an increase this season of 505,000 bales and a falling off of 693,000 bales as against those for last year and the year before, respectively. The Cotton in sight was 5,030,000 bales compared with 4,660,000 bales visible at the close of last week.

The American crop figures to date give the following comparisons with the two previous seasons:—

	1893.	1892.	1891.
Week's receipts	297,000	188,000	258,000
" exports to U. Kingdom	150,000	63,000	176,000
" " Continent	103,000	82,000	45,000
Total receipts since 1st Sept.	3,376,000	3,371,000	4,560,000
" exports to U. K. do.	1,401,000	1,291,031	1,884,000
" " to Continent do.	1,153,000	900,000	1,122,000
Stock in the Ports	1,170,000	1,101,000	1,242,000

The total Visible Supply of Cotton for

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE MATABELE WAR.

CONTRADICTORY BULLETINS.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 22.

Major Forbes reports that his Column has engaged the enemy repeatedly of late, and always been victorious.

Captain Wilson with his detachment has also defeated the followers of Lobengula, who has fled on horseback.

The country is now rapidly quieting.

DISASTROUS RETREAT OF MAJOR FORBES.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 23.

Later despatches from Major Forbes state that after repelling a fierce attack of the Matabele and losing six men wounded, he was compelled, through his rations being finished, to retreat from the Shangani River without having joined up with Captain Wilson's detachment.

Major Forbes states that he was harassed throughout his retreat by the enemy, and had to abandon his gun carriages, his men being forced by hunger to eat the horses. He has now arrived safely with his force at Inyati.

In the meantime Captain Wilson, after defeating the Matabele, is continuing the pursuit of Lobengula.

HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR MASSOWAH.

MASSOWAH, Dec. 22.

The Italian troops stationed at Agordat have defeated a force of ten thousand Dervishes, inflicting on them severe losses, including Alihamed, their leader, and many Emirs.

The Italians lost four officers and one hundred men (mostly Friendlies), killed.

DEATH OF MR. E. STANHOPE.

LONDON, Dec. 23.

The death is announced of the Right Hon. Edward Stanhope, Member for Horncastle.

THE ARDLAMONT MYSTERY.

In the Ardlamont case, in which Alfred John Monson was charged with the murder of Lieutenant Hambrough, the jury returned a verdict of not proven.

The evidence of Monson's profiting by the death of Lieutenant Hambrough failed.

LORD ELGIN AT EDINBURGH ON THE LOYALTY OF INDIA.

Lord Elgin, speaking at Edinburgh, yesterday, on the occasion of his receiving the Freedom of the City, said that he relied on the loyalty of the Native races of India, who had benefited so much by British rule, and he would earnestly endeavour to maintain fairness to all.

IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS BY THE SULTAN.

SPAIN AND MOROCCO.

MADRID, Dec. 23.

The Sultan of Morocco has promised to surrender the Kabyle aggressors to the Spanish authorities at Melilla, and to pay an indemnity.

He also agrees to fix a neutral Zone.

The Spanish force at Melilla has been largely reduced.

THE BOMB OUTRAGE AT BARCELONA.

BARCELONA, Dec. 23.

Two authors of the dastardly dynamite bomb outrage which was committed at Liceo Theatre here, on the 7th ultimo, have been arrested, and they have confessed their participation in the crime.

FRESH DISCOVERY OF BOMBS.

A fresh discovery of bombs and explosives has also been made here.

JAPANESE MILITARY STUDENTS FOR INDIA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 24.

In compliance with the request of the Japanese Government the Government of India have concurred in the reception of a deputation of two Japanese officers for the purpose of studying the organisation of the Indian Army.

These officers are expected to arrive in this country about the end of February.

The Commander-in-Chief has been informed that every facility should be given to them in carrying out their inquiries and studies. His Excellency has been requested to select an officer to receive and have charge of them during their stay in India. The Japanese officers speak English.

THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMANDS.

The movements as likely to take place in the garrisons of the Bombay Presidency on the reduction of one cadre of British Infantry, which has now been sanctioned, are: The Leicster Regiment to move from Deesa and Ahmedabad to Poona, Deesa being garrisoned by two companies and Ahmedabad by one company of the North Lancashire Regiment, now stationed at Deolali.

WEBLEY PISTOLS FOR VOLUNTEERS.

The Government of India have sanctioned the supply of the Webley pistols (mark 1) to Volunteer officers, provided the reserve of these pistols at the time the demand is made admits of their being issued, and that the pistols are paid for at the rates laid down in the Military Accounts Code.

THE CANTONMENT REGULATIONS.

The literature in connection with the Cantonment Code is so voluminous that it has been found necessary to print the proposals which General Sanford's Committee have to consider in pamphlet form to enable members to grasp the main points at issue.

THE PROPOSED HUGHLI TUNNEL.

The engineer's report on tunnelling under the river Hughli, near Calcutta, in connection with the East Coast Railway, is nearly ready.

The project for tunnelling the Rupnarain river on the same line is also likely to be considered.

BURMA RAILWAY EXTENSIONS.

Mr. Bagley, engineer in charge of the Mandalay-Kunlon Railway Survey, is now engaged in locating the line as far as Thebaw, and is making further reconnaisances up to the Salween river.

SIKKIM POLICE ARRANGEMENTS.

Guntok, capital of Sikkim, will not be made over to military police for some time to come, orders having been issued for a detachment of Native Infantry to remain there.

THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

The Viceroy has nominated the Maharaja of Ajudhya as an additional member of the Imperial Legislative Council, on the recommendation of the North-West Provinces Government.

THE TROOPS IN EGYPT.

It is understood that Government do not intend to withdraw from Egypt the Cavalry reinforcement which was sent to that country after the Khedive's demonstration in the early part of this year. The 7th Dragoon Guards Regiment sent from India on that occasion will return to England next year, but their place in Egypt will be taken by the Queen's Bays, who will remain there for the year, and then proceed homewards. It is not improbable, however, that one of the four Infantry battalions may be withdrawn without relief, so as to help Mr. Campbell-Bannerman in his attempt to equalise the number of line battalions on Home and Foreign service, respectively.

CRICKET: PARSEES *VS.* SECUNDERABAD.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, Dec. 23.

The match between the Parsees of Bombay and the Secunderabad Gymkhana was concluded to-day. the visitors winning by seven wickets and two runs. Play was resumed this morning before a very large crowd of spectators, among whom were seen many European and Parsee ladies. The visitors continued their first innings and knocked up a respectable total of 161 runs:—Vakeel, 10; D. Kanga, 29; Mody, 22; Engineer, 2; Bapsola, 17; Spencer, 0; Mistry, 23; Machliwala, 11; Raja 8; Pateil, 1; Reporter, 11; Shroff (not out), 0; and extras, 18. Lemon took 5 wickets for 43 runs; Stevens, 3 for 32; Moore, 2 for 24; and Roper, 1 for 23. The home team in their second venture put together 95 runs, of which Devlin was responsible for 33. Of the rest Arnold scored 13; Ivers, 12; and Roper 23. Machliwala took 5 wickets for 38 and Mistry 6 for 46. Bapsola and Vakeel fielded remarkably well. The visitors in the second innings soon knocked up the required number of runs to win the match at the cost of 4 wickets only; D. Kanga made 17; Bapsola, 12; and Machliwala, 17 (not out.)

THE OPIUM COMMISSION.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, Dec. 24.

Yesterday the Opium Commission sat to examine further witnesses. Some Bengalee gentlemen tendered evidence for and against opium.

Mr. Naidu, editor of the *Eastern Star*, Madras, thought that 20 per cent. of opium consumers were criminals. He condemned the use of alcohol and opium, and considered the injurious effects of the latter to be worse than the former, and he would like to see their total prohibition.

Mr. Pillai, a Madrasee schoolmaster, was also examined. He condemned the use of opium and said the habit was quite unknown among respectable classes. He considered its claims as a medicinal agent exaggerated. He never heard it to be an antidote for malaria. The habit was disgraceful and three-fourths of the consumers were living as skeletons.

THE CALCUTTA RACES.

FIRST MEETING.

The first day's racing resulted as follows:—

THE HASTINGS PLATE.

The Maharajah of Patiala's Prince Imperial, 9st, Scott 1
Mr Garth's Velocity, 10st 7lb, Orford 2
Mr Stewart's Sheers, 10st, Mr Shakespeare 3

The race was won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 3 min. and 31 secs.

THE PONY PURSE.

Mr Thomas' Bonnett II, 9st 3lb, Robinson 1
Mr Rutter's General Gordon, 8st 13lb, Wool ... 2
Mr Kook's Annie, 9st 11lb, Greenhalgh 3

A good race between the first and second; won by one and a half length in 21 secs. A bad third.

THE MAIDEN PONY STAKES.

Captain Jones' Parbati, 8st 4lb, Smith 1
The Maharajah of Patiala's Lady Ethleen, 8st 13lb, Vinall 2
The Maharajah of Mysore's Amanee, 9st 8lb, Kendall 3

Also ran Little Hope, Puffball, and Sapper. Won by a length. Time, 1 min. and 21 3-5 secs..

THE TRIAL STAKES.

The Maharajah of Cooch Behar's Highborn, 9st, Trahan .....

Lord William Beresford's Tostig, 9st 3lb, Vinall. 2
Mr. Gregory's Whimbrel, 9st 3lb, Campbell..... 3

Also ran Monk, Shur, Hopetown, and Highborn. The winner held the field easily and won with a common canter by four lengths. Time, 1 min. and 45 3-5 secs.

THE INTERNATIONAL PONY STAKES.

The Maharajah of Cooch Behar's Predominant, 10st 6lb, Trahan 1
The Maharajah of Patiala's Labby, 9st 3lb, Clemenson 2
Mr Gerald's Jhamata, 8st 10lb, Robinson 3

Also ran First Shot, Lady Editha, Ettie, Midnight, and Nita. Won by two and-a-half lengths. Time, 1 min. and 19 3-5 secs.

THE SELLING RACE.

Aga Mochul Shah's Minniehaha, 9st. 11lb., Native 1
Mr. Rutter's G. G., 8st. 7lb., Wool 2
The Maharajah of Patiala's Jolimont, 8st. 7lb., Greenhaugh 3

Splendid finish. The best race of the day Minniehaha winning by a head. A good third Time, 1 min. and 17 2-5 secs.

MADRAS RACES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, Dec. 24.

The Madras race meeting opened yesterday. The following are the results of the day's racing:—

THE GUINDY STEEPLE CHASE.

Mr. Maccartie's Canopus 1
Captain Bethune's Comeaway 2
Captain Bowly's Cinderellen 3

Distance, 2 miles. Time, 3 min. and 39 secs.

THE GALLOWAY TRIAL STAKES.

Captain Bowly's Zilla 1
H. H. Aga Khan's Russian 2
Aga Abdoola's Flexible 3

Also ran Paul, Robin, and Corky. Distance, 5 furlongs. Time, 1 min. and 9¼ secs.

THE TRIAL STAKES.

Mr. Maccartie's Hillside 1
Mr. Hill's Van Dieman 2
Mr. Ernest's Adoration 3

Also ran Marvel. Distance, 1 mile. Time, 2 min. and 48¼ secs.

THE POLICE PURSE.

Mr. Dignum's The Judge 1
Mr. Kenna's Regius 2
Mr. Symond's Paladin 3

Also ran Pahang, Harlequin, and Royal Flag. Distance, 5 furlongs. Time, 1 min. and 7 secs.

THE CIVIL SERVICE STAKES.

The Maharajah of Mysore's Child of the Island ..... W. O

THE STANLEY OPERA COMPANY.

It seemed probable a week or two ago that the Bombay public would be left without theatrical amusements during the Christmas season and that the children would be bereft of that long looked-for pleasure—the Christmas pantomime. It was consequently with a feeling akin to gratitude that the play-going public received the somewhat tardy announcement of a visit from one of the most popular and gifted troupes with whom Bombay is acquainted, Mr. Harry Stanley's Opera and Burlesque Company. Despite the many private social functions, at which the "festive season" is brightened, there was a very good house at the opening performance, on Saturday night. At this early period of the visit of the Company it may be advisable to ask them to strike a new departure, and break away from the too common practice of ringing up the curtain from twenty to thirty minutes after the advertized time. The waiting is apt to exhaust the patience of those of the audience who take their seats in good time, and lack of punctuality on the part of the performers is a direct incentive to the growth of a similar habit on the part of the public. If the stage manager will resolutely make up his mind to effect a reform in the direction indicated he will deserve the gratitude of playgoers. The orchestra was under the direction of Mr. G. Trimmel and filled up the latter portion of the interval referred to with some familiar music effectively played. Those things which are nearest home always appeal most to the human interest, and Mr. Stanley was well advised in giving the first place in his programme to "The Naulakha," or rather to that revised and extended version of the Oriental extravaganza, which has been specially written for the company by Mr. Massa, and which they are thoroughly justified in describing as up-to-date. When it is remembered that the "upholstery play," as it has been termed, has gained considerable ground of late—to the cost, it must be confessed, of the purely literary side of the drama—Mr. Stanley has to be congratulated upon the dress, "scenery," and other material attractions of the stage, with which the extravaganza was produced. The scenery painted by Signor Ghilardi, was amongst the best that has been seen here this season, and somehow or other, it is a source of satisfaction to the spectator to feel that if he visits the theatre to see some other production he will not be confronted with the same scenery doing duty for a different purpose. "The Naulakha or Glory of the East" amusingly portrays the absurd situations brought about at the court of the intemperate and impecunious Maharaja of Khatore by the advent there of a "spry" American lady doctor, Kate Sheriff, and her lover Nicholas Tarvin. The old and repulsive gipsy Queen Sitabai falls desperately in love with Tarvin, who, in order to become possessed of a gem of great value in the temple, dissembles an affection for the old lady which leads her to secretly obtain for him the gem, and burn the temple so as to prevent the discovery of the theft. The opera ends with the two Yankees about to embark for their native shore, with their fortunes made, and Sitabai, deeply wounded by the perfidy of Tarvin, making it up "in a pet" with her Royal spouse. Mr. W. Stanley provoked incessant laughter by the humour which he imparted to the role of the Maharaja, and was ably seconded by Mr. Warner, as the Gipsy Queen. A thoroughly Yankee "go" was given to the characterisation of Nicholas Tarvin by Miss Fanny Stanley, who introduced to the audience the song and dance which has been the rage in London, for some time now "Linger Longer Loo," the rendition thereof calling forth an unmistakable demand for a second edition. Miss Nelli de Lorne, although a little ill at ease, did well as Kate Sheriff, while Miss Ange Potter seemed to exactly catch the spirit of her part as the overindulged and "slangy" Kunwar, heir to the sovereignty of Khatore. Mr. R. Stephenson as Dhunput, the principal medical officer of the State, was thoroughly natural in his objections, shown by every look and gesture, to his deposition by a girl medico, who when putting to him the brief enquiry "Allopath?" received the answer of "You're another." Miss Lizzie Donnelly, as Ilma, chief lady of the nautch, led a grand tarantelle, the execution of which may without undue praise be described as brilliant and fascinating. Amongst the minor parts may be mentioned Mr. A. J. Saville's impersonation of the Lord High Chamberlain, Miss Flo Childs' representation of Munia, holding the sinecure post of "nurse" to the Kunwar; Miss Symonds as William Tarvin's servant; Miss Dolly Childs, confidential maid to the Queen; and Mr. E. Phillips, the royal drummerburdar. "The Naulakha" will certainly bear repetition before the company close their stay here. The Christmas pantomimes announced are "The Queen of Hearts," or "Harlequin Jack Horner," and "The Card that took the Trick."

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Dec. 8.

Last week an influential, perhaps the most influential, section of Mr. Gladstone's followers were calling out for Lord Herschell's blood. This week the same set of men are in open revolt against the eminently respectable, though not effusively amiable, Mr. H. H. Fowler. That pattern of middle-class propriety and prosperous Nonconformists is now enjoying the felicity of hearing himself described as being not only no Radical, but as not understanding what the Radical movement means. Moreover, he indulges in "pompous platitude"—which, of course, is a very rare failing at St. Stephen's—while he has been guilty of "antiquated reaction" and "unpardonable stupidity." But, and this is the unkindest cut of all "the Government have more than once had occasion to regret Mr. Fowler's inclusion in their ranks." This is the strain of the morning daily, which is so conspicuous for its devotion to the Labour Party, and which evidently thinks that matters will never be right until its idol, Mr. John Burns, is Prime Minister. The head and front of Mr. Fowler's offending is that he, a "political Dissenter," is supposed to be defending the interests of the Church of England so far as they are affected by the Parish Councils Bill. English people living at a distance are sometimes inclined to make remarks about the time and attention we bestow upon purely parochial politics. Sometimes the judgment passed upon us does not err on side of leniency. But after what has happened in the House of Commons during the past four days I think we must hide our diminished heads. Since Tuesday the mother of Parliaments has done absolutely nothing useful, but has all this time been squabbling as to who should manage the doles, and who buy the blankets for the aged poor of our rural parishes. A young county member from Somersetshire Mr. Strachey, who is the least like the typical Radical of any body I know, wanted to have trust property not absolutely ecclesiastical, transferred *en bloc* to the new Parish Councils. This proposal was resisted by Mr. Fowler as going too far, and this began the wrangling that has continued ever since. Mr. Chamberlain who plays his cards very well, seeing how infuriated the Radicals were, poured fuel into the fire. "I may," he said, "be a Tory, but I am not a reactionary Tory like that Mr. Fowler." Then was seen a spectacle that has not been observed at Westminster for a long period; Mr. Chamberlain was actually cheered by members sitting below the gangway on the Ministerial side. I will not trouble your readers with all that followed this extremely diverting scene. Sir John Rigby, the Solicitor-General, got up to smooth the troubled waters, and virtually to throw the too-scrupulous president of the Local Government Board to the Radical wolves. It is useless to deny, as some persons are doing, that Mr. Fowler was not abandoned by his colleagues. He has since practically admitted this, but the difference between himself and his colleagues is not greater than often takes place in the passage of bills through Parliament. The concession the Government are willing to make and which is being debated as I write, as if the future of the Empire depended upon the issue, is that the parish councils shall appoint in the case of every non-ecclesiastical parish charity a majority of trustees instead of one-third. The incident of Tuesday last has left a soreness behind, as was evident from the fall of the Government majority yesterday in consequence of the voluntary abstention of a number of Radicals from the division lobby. From the point of view of many of our legislators the next most important event of the week is the appearance of the report of the Featherstone Riots Inquiry. It is rather curious that while the authorities in India have for good reasons decided to discontinue the use of blank ammunition when troops are called out to quell a disturbance, the Featherstone Commission makes the rather wild suggestion that at Home soldiers when employed to put down riots should be armed with less formidable weapons than magazine articles. Why not propose at once that Private Tommy Atkins should be trained in the use of the bludgeon? Here would be a chance of attracting desirable recruits.

While our rulers are excited to fever heat about parochial charities and are clamouring for an opportunity of unburthening their souls on the subject of Featherstone, they do not seem to be greatly concerned about the fresh developments of the Siamese difficulty. It looked as if we had at last arrived at a stage when we might congratulate ourselves upon the prospect of a return to our old relations with France; but the publication in a more or less accurate form of the understanding come to between Lord Rosebery and M. Develle for the creation of a buffer State on the Mekong has led to an outburst of passion on the part of certain French journals; and we have yet to see what M. Casimir-Perier will do. It will be a great relief to those behind the scenes when this Siamese affair is settled. Neither the British nor the French public realise how very close we were some months ago—I refer to a partial exercise by Lord Rosebery's rather alarmist speech at the Elgin dinner—to coming to blows with our neighbours across the Channel. Certain movements of the fleet had been agreed upon and matters were at one time extremely critical. Only by the exercise of great statesmanship was a catastrophe, the magnitude of which no one could foresee, happily averted. I believe that the great stumbling block throughout the prolonged negotiations has been the attitude of the Chamber. The French Ministers themselves were not disinclined to come to terms and to make reasonable concessions, but they were held in check by the fear of *messieurs les deputes*. How can we say that M. Casimir-Perier's ministry will be more courageous in that respect than its predecessor?

Poor Mr. Lecky is not to be let off leniently for the sin he committed at the Imperial Institute, the other day, in speaking of "England" instead of "Great Britain." He has vainly tried to exculpate himself. He humbly pleads that he spoke "as the Empire as consisting of vast territories under the British flag and in the hands of the British race," as "British Protectorates," as "British Colonies and Settlements" which had "sprung from the British and from Irish seeds." If occasionally in the course of the lecture he used the objectionable term England, Mr. Lecky says that he has much too high an opinion of the good sense of his Scottish hearers and readers to believe that they were in the least likely to misunderstand him. Mr. Charles Waddie, the redoubtable Honorary Secretary of the very formidable Scottish Home Rule Association, retorts "You only spoke of 'Britain' or 'British' eleven times, while you used the term 'England' or 'English' no less than thirty-five times." Mr. Waddie, with a fine sense of discernment, points out that Mr. Lecky cannot plead ignorance, but he is hardly likely to wish to do so. "He is," says Mr. Charles Waddie, "too well read not to know the value of language and the terms of the treaty between Scotland and England." Mr. Waddie thinks it dignified to accuse a man of Mr. Lecky's literary distinction of being in "search of cheap applause," and in the next sentence charges him with attempting "to cast ridicule on those who are jealous of the name and fame of their native land." I have a good many acquaintances among Scotsmen, but I cannot find any who recognises Mr. Waddie's title to defend the name and fame of their "native land." It is perfectly absurd to suppose that Mr. Lecky had any thought of hurting the feelings, much less of "insulting" Scotsmen. It, of course, does not enter into Mr. Waddie's calculations that Mr. Lecky is not himself an Englishman. Surely, the sensitiveness of our Scottish friends may be carried too far. We shall next be having Dr. G. B. Clark protesting against the use of the term "Little Englanders" as excluding the Scotchmen and Irishmen, who in regard to Imperial affairs are proud to march under the banner of the valiant Mr. Labouchere.

I suppose most persons in India who are devoted to works of fiction have by this time read "Dodo," by young Mr. Benson. The book has had an extraordinary success here. It has run through I do not know how many editions, and now it is published in cheap form. Without wishing to detract from the literary merits of its author, I am bound to say that it owes the popularity it has achieved more to the fact that it is supposed to pourtray one of our well-known society ladies rather than to the way it is written. The lady referred to is well-known in connection with that somewhat mysterious and slightly fanciful coterie, the Souls, whose existence the *Bombay Gazette* was the first to bring to public notice. She is the daughter of one of Mr. Gladstone's most devoted followers, and, unlike the heroine of Mr. Benson's novel, is unmarried, though she has been freely mentioned by impertinent newspaper gossips first as the *fiancee* of a celebrated Conservative statesman, also one of the Souls, and next as the future wife of a rising cabinet minister. The probability is that "Dodo" is the counterfeit presentment not of one individual, but of several members of that slightly obtrusive but not very numerous set of persons who pride themselves on being, to use their own favourite word, smart. In other words *fin de siecle*. "It is to be hoped that foreign students of English—I beg Mr. Charles Waddie's pardon—British manners will not think that "Dodo" is fairly typical of ladies of the *beau monde* in these isles. To come to such a conclusion would be just as reasonable as far as to accept the ordinary French novel as a literal representation of life on the other side of the Channel.

The critics complain that the part of Mr. Vincent's Life of the Duke of Clarence, just published is the most disappointing, that is the space devoted to the Prince's visit to the country of which had he lived he would one day have been Emperor. The *Standard* puts the matter very plainly, when it says that the author relies almost entirely upon dull official records, or the journals, not very interesting, of members of the suite." The complaint is certainly not without foundation, but it is rather hard to blame the author. He did not accompany the Prince, and it is, perhaps, a pity that the idea understood to have been entertained in the first instance of including in the suite a practised writer was not carried out. The authorized description of the Prince of Wales's memorable tour in the East would have been less picturesque if Dr. Russell had not seen with his own eyes what he so graphically depicts. I suppose there is no indiscretion in saying now, that if the journey of the Duke had been minutely chronicled, the chronicler would have had to mention the not very pleasing fact that in the earlier part, at all events, his Royal Highness was bored beyond measure. This may surprise some of your readers, who were brought into contact with him; they may not have noticed anything of the kind, but that may have been owing to the unfailing tact that he inherited from his father. We do not hear anything of an approaching visit by the Duke of York to India, but it is sure to take place sooner or later. India is the only portion of her Majesty's Dominions that he has not visited, and many people think it a pity that the Bacchante did not include Bombay in her ports of call, especially when she touched at Ceylon. Mr. Vincent's volume contains a copy of some verses written by the Duke's mother when he was child on the occasion of the Prince of Wales's birthday. It has been a revelation to most persons that the most popular lady in the realm next to the Queen herself could claim to be a versifier on however modest a scale.

The *Daily Chronicle*, now entirely under Congress influences, attacks the arrangement by which your officials are compensated for the loss they have suffered by silver depreciation, and generally finds fault with the currency policy recently adopted by the Government of India. The article is based partly upon an interview with Mr. Jamsetjee N. Wadia, published here last week, and partly upon a paper of the Sarvajanik Sabha. It has been suggested to Mr. Tata that he should expand his remarks into a review article, and, perhaps, he will do so. He asserts that in the fight between the Government and the Banks, which is not yet over, the former will win. That is not the opinion of the Banks, or at any rate of their representatives or managers in London. These gentlemen think that they are likely to receive more sympathetic treatment from Mr. Westland than from Sir David Barbour.

The death-roll this week is very heavy, and includes the name of one whose loss is not only national, but worldwide. I refer, of course, to Professor Tyndall, who, though he did not occupy the same place as Faraday, or Darwin, to name only those who are not now in our midst, has conferred many and lasting benefits upon the English-speaking people by his researches. As an expounder of scientific truths he was unrivalled, and nowhere will the blow that has fallen upon us be more severely felt than at the Royal Institution, the scene of many of his triumphs as a lecturer. Tyndall passed away on Monday evening; it was not generally unknown, until yesterday evening, he was deprived of life under such inexpressibly sad circumstances. We had heard beforehand that it was an overdose of choral. We heard for the first time from the trembling lips of his devoted and deeply-stricken widow that she administered the fatal draught by mistake. She thought she was giving him magnesia. She had used the wrong bottle. "There is a curious sweet taste," said her husband. It was only then she realised what she had done. "John, I have given you chloral," she exclaimed. He replied; "Yes, my poor darling, you have killed your John." There was something extremely touching in the repetition of these words, and in her remark that the poor Professor had for three years been wrestling with death. All parties sympathise with Mrs. Tyndall in her doubly-painful sorrow, and no one cares to dwell on the needless vehemence with which he was accustomed to assail Mr. Gladstone since his conversion to Home Rule.

POSTSCRIPT.

Vague, very vague rumours of ministerial reconstruction are in the air. A Scotch London correspondent and a member of Parliament to boot says that the two Whigs (who are they?) in the Cabinet are to be sent to the House of Lords, that "discredited and doomed" Assembly! It is regarded as certain, he says, that Mr. Haldane and Mr. Robert Reed would be invited to join the Government. Both Mr. Reid and Mr. Haldane are Scotch members. "I say no more," as the man observes in the play.

BOMBAY SAILING ASSOCIATION.

Two races were held under the auspices of the Bombay Sailing Association, on Saturday afternoon.

A first race was started at 3-55 p.m. It was open to ships' boats only and the following three boats were entered:—

Boat's name.	Rig.	Entered by.
Umballas	Gig	Capt. in Stebbing
Umballas	Cutter	Mr H Davies
Camortas	Cutter	Mr C Scott.

Second race, open to all yachts, was started at 4 p.m. exactly, and the following four boats competed:—

Boat's name.	Rig.	Entered by.
Santa	Cutter	Surgeon-Maj Boyd
Janetta	Lugger	Lt F M Close
Blue Bell	Cutter	Mr P G Mossent
Princess	Lateen	Mr F A Little

For both the races the course sailed was No. 3 in the list. From Pilot Schooner leaving it to starboard, round to middle ground buoy, leaving it to starboard, round fairway buoy, in direction of Gull Island, leaving it to starboard, and finishing with starboard side next to Schooner.

The result of the first race is—

Boat's name.	Start.	Finish.	Hdcp.	Nett Time.
1 Cazarac Cutter	3-55	5-37-45	2-2-15	
0 Umballas Gig	3-55	6-0-3	2-5-3	
0 Umballas Cutter	3-55	6-27-0	2-25-0	

The result of the second race is—

Boat's name.	Start.	Finish.	Hdcp.	Nett Time.
1 Santa	4-0	5-31-50		1-31-50
0 Janetta	4-0	5-19-25	½	1-19-25
0 Princess	4-0	5-45-0	1	1-45-0
0 Blue Bell	4-0	5-19-8	2	1-47-8

The second prize was not offered on account of there being only four entries.

There will be no race on Saturday next owing to the Christmas holidays.

A SALVATION ARMY WEDDING.

An interesting marriage (interesting, at any rate, to the Salvation Army) was celebrated on the 21st instant, by Dr. J. Pollen, District and Marriage Registrar of the Panch Mahals! It was the marriage of Ensign Carl Winge—known as "Jung Bahadur," renowned for his successful work amongst the Bhils—with Miss Matilda Lager alias "Captain Divya Sakti," distinguished for her devotion to army interests in Ceylon. The ceremony was performed at the District Magistrate's Camp, and Dr. Pollen subsequently entertained the bridal party at breakfast. In wishing the bride and bridel groom all happiness, Dr. Pollen spoke appreciatively of the work of the Salvation Army at home and abroad. Although a distinguished member of his service had described it as a "disgracing burlesque of the religion of the Ruling Power"; and though a great Professor had defined it as "Corybantic Christianity" Dr. Pollen felt bound to speak of the Army as he had personally found it, and his verdict was that in spite of many mistakes and extravagances, the Army was doing the work of God and was therefore, doing good—converting men and women everywhere from godlessness to God,—from irreligion to religion, from selfishness and sin to a life of self-denial and virtue. After the ceremony before the Registrar the bride and bridegroom left by train for Anand, where there is to be a great gathering of the Army, and where the religious celebration according to Army rites is to be performed.

DEPARTURE OF H. H. THE THAKORE SAHEB OF PALITANA.

H. H. the Thakore Saheb of Palitana, accompanied by Mr. Luljee Harridas, his private secretary, Dr. Narotamdas, Mr. Osman Jamal, his Bombay agent, and about fifty followers, left the Grant Road Station, on Saturday night, by the Ahmedabad mail train. A large number of his Highness's subjects as well as a few of his European and Native friends had assembled on the station to see his Highness off. Numerous garlands of flowers were placed round his neck and superb bouquets were presented to him. During his short stay in Bombay his Highness paid visits to Lord and Lady Harris, Sir Charles Pritchard, the Hon'ble Mr. Birdwood, and the Hon'ble Mr. C. Trevor, some of whom had returned his Highness's visits. The Thakore Saheb also visited some of the public institutions to this city. He called on his Excellency the Governor on Saturday morning, and was very cordially received at Government House.

GOVERNMENT WORKHOUSE CHRISTMAS DINNER AND POOR FUND.

Captain W. P. Walsh begs to acknowledge with many thanks receipt of the following contributions:—Mr. J. M. Campbell, C.I.E., Rs. 10; Mr. R. S. Brown, Rs. 10; Mr. George Gahagan, Rs. 10; an unknown friend, a parcel of clothes; Mr. B. Phillips, Rs. 15; and Mr. W. B. Green, a present of Australian beef. Presents of cakes or fruit will be very acceptable, and if any quantity in excess of the needs of the Government Workhouse be received, the same will be divided amongst the poor.

The conference-room of the Indian Association, Imperial Institute, was well filled the other afternoon when Sir Roland K. Wilson read a paper on "Akbar, the Great Mogul." Sir Raymond West took the chair. The lecturer, in opening his paper described his object to be to assist those who had read the nobly conceived poem of the late Laureate, entitled "Akbar's Dream," and to induce those who had not read it to do so.

According to news from Hungary, the moderate and considerate form given to the Civil Marriage Bill has made a very good impression on all classes. The working out of its details has taken longer than was expected, but the result compensates for the delay. People have entirely lost confidence in the sinister predictions of Dr. Wekerle's opponents, who first prophesied the fall of his Administration before the Civil Marriage Bill could be introduced, and who then foretold with every assurance that the reform of the currency would shortly collapse. Dr. Wekerle treats his adversaries with cheerful indifference, and takes their criticism into very slight account. Outwardly, at any rate, he has shown no signs of being embarrassed thereby; and, notwithstanding the hostility of a very powerful section, he has triumphantly overcome the first part of his difficulties.

THE HEALTH OF BOMBAY.

Exclusive of still-born 5,214 deaths were registered during the quarter, being 704 less than in the last quarter and 683 less than in the corresponding period of the past year. The death-rate is equal to 25·37 per 1,000 of population calculated on the Census of 1891.

Examining the statistics according to place of birth we find that 3,011 persons including still-born were born in Bombay, that 2,578 were born out of Bombay, and that the place of 62 persons could not be ascertained.

The fever mortality is 88 less than in the last quarter, 320 less than in the corresponding period of the last year, and 395 less than the average of the preceding 5 years. Of the total deaths from fevers 966 were referred to remittent fever, being 59 less than in the last quarter, and 286 less than in the corresponding quarter of the past year; 172 were ascribed to simple continued fever, being 19 less than in the last quarter, and 12 less than in the corresponding period of the last year, 54 were ascribed to ague, being 2 less than in the last quarter, and 19 less than in the corresponding three months of the past year. One was referred to enteric fever. In all 1,193 deaths were ascribed to fevers. The mortality from small-pox is 18 less than in the last quarter, but 11 more than in the corresponding quarter of the last year. Twelve deaths were registered. From measles, 27 deaths were registered, being 14 less than in the last quarter and 15 less than in the corresponding period of the past year. The mortality from cholera is 59 less than in the last quarter and 22 less than in the corresponding quarter of the past year. There were 29 cases of which 18 proved fatal. The deaths from diseases of the respiratory system were 67 less than in the last quarter and 2 less than in the corresponding quarter of the last year, 1020 deaths were registered under the head of diseases of the respiratory system. Of these 6·6 where ascribed to bronchitis, being 35 less than in the previous quarter and 101 less than in the corresponding quarter of the past year; 247 were referred to pneumonia, being 40 less than in the last quarter and 15 less than in the corresponding quarter of the last year. From diseases of the digestive system 479 deaths were registered, being 207 less than in the last quarter and 96 less than in the corresponding quarter of the last year. Of the deaths from disease of the digestive system 235 were referred to diarrhœa, being 147 less than in the last quarter and 43 less than in the corresponding quarter of the past year. To dysentery 108 were due, being 36 less than in the last quarter and 51 less than in the corresponding period of the last year. To all other diseases of the digestive system 136 deaths were referred, being 24 less than in the last quarter and 2 less than in the corresponding period of the last year. The mortality from phthisis is 22 less than in the last quarter and 100 less than in the corresponding period of the past year. From diseases of the nervous system 616 deaths were registered, being 28 more than in the last quarter and 32 more than in the corresponding period of the past year. 1 death from hydrophobia was reported. There were 24 deaths from puerperal fever. From diseases of the generative system 67 deaths were registered, being 1 less than in the last quarter, and 18 less than in the corresponding period of the past year. To diseases of the circulatory system 41 deaths were referred, being 3 more than in the last quarter, and 4 more than in the corresponding period of the last year. 22 deaths were registered under the head of leprosy, being 13 more than in the last quarter, and 6 more than in the corresponding quarter of the past year. To the general affection dropsy, 43 deaths were ascribed, being 7 more than in the previous quarter, and 12 more than in the corresponding period of the past year. 16 deaths were registered under the head of diseases of the urinary system, being 3 less than in the corresponding period of the last year. From diseases of the organs of locomotion and cellular tissue 20 deaths were registered, being 2 less than in the previous quarter, and 1 less than in the corresponding period of the past year. To diseases of the cutaneous system 5 deaths were due. The number of premature births is 2 less than in the last quarter, and 3 less than in the corresponding period of the past year. The deaths from old age and debility were 153 less than in the past quarter and 59 less than in the corresponding period of the past year. 513 were registered. The deaths from accidents and violence amounted to 80, being 87 less than in the last quarter, and 20 less than in the corresponding period of the past year. 10 deaths were ascribed to poisoning, being 8 less than in the corresponding period of the past year; of the deaths from poisoning 6 were suicidal and 3 accidental. The deaths from drowning were 13 less than in the last quarter, and 4 less than in the corresponding period of the past year; 9 were suicidal and 6 accidental, 1 homicidal, and in four instances the circumstances under which deaths took place were not known.

The rate of mortality amongst the chief races living in the city is shown below:—

Sections.	No. of deaths exclusive of still-born in 1892.	Annual rate of mortality per 1000 of population.	No. of deaths of still-born in 1892.	Annual rate of still-births per 1000 of population.
Ward A.—				
Upper Colaba	30	27·63	26	27·90
Middle & Lower Colaba	83	23·49	55	16·15
Fort Southern	9	9·11	...	...
Fort Northern	214	20·06	189	22·01
Esplanade	38	15·10	59	19·87
Ward B.—				
Mandvi	231	30·13	254	37·96
Chukla	315	29·13	263	32·67
Oomarkhari	507	38·65	416	31·23
Dongri	1355	25·72	1091	21·61
Ward C.—				
Market	276	24·66	236	20·20
Dhobi Talao	279	21·93	272	27·23
Panas Wadi	132	27·27	114	18·94
Bhuleshwar	301	31·37	247	24·71
Khara Talao	255	39·29	225	33·29
Kumbharwada	257	31·91	228	23·31
Ward D.—				

THE BOMBAY GAZETTE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1893.

DEATH OF PROFESSOR TYNDALL.

ACCIDENTALLY POISONED BY MRS. TYNDALL.

PROFESSOR TYNDALL *died* suddenly at half-past six o'clock on Monday night (Dec. 4,) at his residence, near Haslemere, from an overdose of chloral accidentally administered by his wife.

The inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of the late Professor Tyndall was commenced at half-past eleven on Thursday morning (7th inst.,) at Hind Head House, Haslemere, before Mr. Rowsley, the Coroner for West Surrey. The witnesses were Drs. Hutchinson, Winstanley, and Buzzard, Mrs. Tyndall, and the nurse. A number of reporters and friends were the only persons present.

The Coroner, in opening the inquiry, addressed the jury. He said that before he took evidence he wished to say a word or two with respect to this most tragic and unfortunate affair. They did not wish to add to the grief of the family and of a nation at the loss of one of the brightest ornaments of this country, but it would be necessary to call Mrs. Tyndall, and after hearing her evidence and that of the doctors he thought the jury would have no difficulty in returning a verdict.

Mrs. Louisa Charlotte Tyndall deposed—The deceased was my husband, and was aged seventy-three. He was a Professor of Natural Philosophy. For some three years he has been in ill-health, wrestling with dyspepsia. He was in the habit of taking every night a small dose of chloral, and every other day in the morning he took sulphate of magnesia. I gave it to him. There were always two bottles beside the bed, one containing the magnesia, and the other syrup of chloral. I had the habit of always reading the inscription on the sulphate of chloral. On Monday morning I gave my husband what I supposed was the sulphate of magnesia. He drank the draught at a gulp, and took after words a small quantity of ginger ale, which was his custom. After he had drank what I had offered him my husband said, "There is a curious sweet taste in this." I tasted the drops remaining in the glass, and then found that it was chloral and not sulphate of magnesia.

The Coroner—What did you do then?

Mrs. Tyndall—I looked at the table, and I saw there were two chloral bottles. The one that stood in the front was nearly empty. The other had come from the chemist's full. The sulphate of magnesia was behind that. I saw that it was the full bottle of chloral that I had taken up, and that was from that bottle that the two tablespoonfuls were missing. The Coroner Then I understand you took up this full bottle of chloral thinking it contained magnesia, because you had previously seen another bottle labelled syrup of chloral?

Mrs Tyndall—Yes, I thought I had poured out magnesia. Then I saw the second bottle. I said, "John I have given you chloral," and he said, "My poor darling, you have killed your John."

Mrs. Tyndall (who up to this point had borne up bravely under intense emotion) broke down, and the Coroner and jury were visibly affected. Resuming her evidence, Mrs. Tyndall said:—I at once summoned assistance. My husband got quickly out of bed, and we kept rousing him. We tickled the throat, and sent for the stomach pump. I rang the bell and told my maid to at once send the carriage down to the Royal Huts for the doctor. I wrote in pencil as best I could, telling Dr. Winstanley what had happened. Then I used hot water as an antidote, and consulted a dictionary of medicine. I also administered mustard. We got him into bed, and warmth being also recommended in such a case, we placed hot-water bottles round him. Drs. Winstanley and Hutchinson arrived, and everything that it was possible to do was done. It was about 8 in the morning when the chloral was taken. At half-past six in the evening all ended.

Dr. Robert Winstanley deposed—I am a physician practising at Haslemere. On being called to the house, I found Professor Tyndall was breathing stertorously. I applied the stomach pump, and withdrew a small quantity of fluid. I tried the treatment he relied upon, but his breathing was bad. He began to revive, but remained perfectly insensible for two hours. He gradually regained a certain amount of consciousness. My partner, Dr. Hutchinson, afterwards arrived with a battery. We got him so far recovered as to remove him from his bed, but he afterwards relapsed. I telegraphed for Dr. Buzzard, and on his arrival the Professor was moribund. He gradually sank. Certain antidotes were applied before my arrival; in fact, everything had been done. Latterly the Professor had suffered from the lungs, and that would not assist him under the circumstances. About two tablespoonfuls of syrup of chloral had been taken. There would be a net 80 grains in that quantity; but Mrs. Tyndall told me not quite two tablespoonfuls had been swallowed, and 180 grains have been taken without its causing death. Professor Tyndall was in the habit of taking this. The state of the lungs is a point to be remembered. If 80 grains had been taken by a man with sound lungs he might have recovered.

Dr. Thomas Buzzard, 74 Grosvenor Street, London, said—I have been a personal friend and medical attendant of Professor Tyndall for about four years. I saw him on November 16th last when he was in bad suffering from weakness and rheumatic swelling of the wrist joint of the right arm. He was also suffering from insomnia for years past, and he had been in the habit of taking chloral or the bromo other sleeping agents. I was summoned on Monday to see him. I arrived here a little before five, and found him in a state of coma, and evidently in a hopeless condition. I heard from Dr. Winstanley that he had revived, but had suffered a relapse. I could see that all hope had gone. Two years ago he nearly died from inflammation of the lungs. Had he been tolerably strong now he would have recovered. I was perfectly satisfied everything had been done. The relationship between Professor and Mrs. Tyndall was one of remarkable devotion. I have never seen Mrs. Tyndall's devotion to her husband surpassed—I don't think equalled. Living in regard to all the circumstances, he (the coroner) was satisfied this was an accident. Professor Tyndall had fought against death with great resolution, and had been unwilling to live. Mrs. Tyndall, after the administration of the chloral, acted with remarkable judgment.

The Coroner, in summing up, said he thought the jury would be glad to hear that those medical gentlemen who had attended the deceased had rendered all aid and comfort they could offer consolation to the family. It was that Mrs. Tyndall was such a devoted wife. Thinking there was but one bottle of chloral she took up the other, believing it was the antidote of magnesia. Immediately the mistake was found out Mrs. Tyndall recognised the awful position, and applied at once the proper antidotes. Everything was done that could be done to save the life of the deceased.

The jury at once returned the following verdict:—"That Professor John Tyndall died from the effects of an overdose of chloral administered accidentally for a dose of sulphate of magnesia.

The Coroner—You will all, gentlemen, join with me in conveying your deepest sympathy to Mrs. Tyndall and the family. You are neighbours of the late Professor; you have had many opportunities of knowing his worth. You will join me in expressing deep sense of the loss this lady and, I may add, the country has suffered in Professor Tyndall's untimely death.

The foreman, on the jury's behalf, having in a few appropriate words endorsed the observations of the Coroner, the proceedings closed.

VIVISECTION IN INDIA.

A PROTEST, signed by the Lord Chief Justice of England and others, has been forwarded to Lord Lansdowne, Viceroy of India, and the members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, with reference to the Indian Bill now under consideration, which is on the model of the English Act of 1876, for the regulation of vivisection experiments. It points out that the attempt to control and restrain vivisection in this country is declared to have been a signal failure, so far as justice and mercy to dumb animals are concerned; and seeing that vivisection is now illegal in India, the signatories trust that the members of Council may see fit to retain Clause 4 of the present law, which is an efficient preventive of cruelty, and that a door may not be opened to the repetition of the cruelties perpetrated in the laboratories of Europe, if it should be deemed advisable to legislate on the subject, they suggest, (a) that the higher animals, such as horses, asses, mules, dogs, and cats, for which special certificates are granted in England, and also monkeys, should be wholly exempted from experimentation; (b) that it should be made essential to keep the animals under an anæsthetic throughout the investigation; (c) that the use of curare should be entirely prohibited; (d) that it should be provided that one inspector at any rate shall be selected on account of his recognised humanity, not his scientific knowledge. The executive committee of the Victoria Street Society for the Protection of Animals from Vivisection have also recently transmitted to the Viceroy and the members of the Executive Council a protest against the establishment of a Pasteur Institute in India. They represent that similar institutes in Paris and elsewhere have so far failed to prevent deaths from the bites of dogs and other animals alleged to be rabid; that a well-authenticated list of 256 persons who have died in spite of the preventive treatment invented by M. Pasteur has been compiled; and they state that, apart from and beyond this fact, the non-conformity of the system of M. Pasteur involves and depends upon the cultivation and perpetuation of the maladies of rabies in series after series of sentient animals, to their great misery and suffering.

THE SERVICES AT HOME.

INDIA OFFICE, DECEMBER, 8.

ARRIVALS REPORTED IN LONDON.

Mr J A Grant, B Cov	Lieut L L Maxwell
Mr J W Moulton, B	Lieut A P Barwell
Mr E Marshall, B	Lieut R Tweddell
Mr W P Brodie, B	Lieut W G Grey
Brigadier E Faunce, C B	Lieut M G James
Col W A Lawrence	Lieut E Peach
Capt C J Wimberly	Lieut W Ayerst
Lieut G R de H Smith	Lieut W L R Annesbury
Lieut A G Vivian	Lieut G P Campbell
Lieut O W Carey	Surg-Major W A Simmonds, Med Estab.
Lieut F W Bagshawe	

EXTENSIONS OF LEAVE.

Lieut D I C Macnabb, B, ex-ordinary leave to Oct. 31, 1894	Surg-Major C Monks, Bo Med Estab, 8 mo and 10 days' furl.
Mr A B Gutherar, 10 days' furl and to return	Col F D Mander, 3 days
Mr T W H Hughes, B, 6 mo extraordinary leave	Lieut-Col E B Bishop, till April 26, 1894
Mr J Elson, B, 1 years' extraordinary leave	Major T H Mackenzie, 2 mo
Mr K J Sewell, M Cov, 4 days' furlough and to return	Major R C Hadon, 14 days
	Capt C M Crawford, 1 mo
	Capt F Churchill, 1 mo

PERMITTED TO RETURN.

Mr A Mackenzie, KCSI, B Cov	Col J H Prendergast
Mr T R Stubbs, B	Capt G F Wiles
Mr W A Elwell, M	Capt G A Welman
Mr F B W Morse, M	Capt T Quin
Mr R G Gell, Bo	Capt J E Hunter
Col F D Mander	Lieut S Geoghegan,

INDIA IN PARLIAMENT.

COOLIE LABOUR IN INDIA.

In the House of Commons, on Friday, December 1, Mr. Schwann asked the Under-Secretary for India if he was now in a position to lay upon the table of the House the correspondence which passed between the India Office and the Government of India on the subject of coolie labour in the Assam tea gardens, and if he had any further information to give the House which might not be contained in that correspondence as to any recent steps which might have been taken by the Government of India to abolish contract labour under Act 1 of 1882 and Act 13 of 1859, as announced by him.

Mr. G. Russell said if his hon. friend would move the secretary of State would be glad to lay on the table Act 7 passed this year and the correspondence relating to the question. His hon. friend would then find that the anticipations he held out had been realised as to the modifications of the position of contract labourers under Acts 1 of 1882 and 13 of 1859.

THE HEALTH OF BRITISH TROOPS IN INDIA.

Mr. A. C. Morton asked the Under-Secretary of State for India whether it was correctly stated that in 1891 there were among the British troops serving in India 1,343 attacks and 380 deaths from typhoid fever; and whether the Government of India had yet arranged to have inspections by the principal medical officers of districts oftener than once a year, as in this country.

Mr. G. Russell: The statement of sickness and mortality from enteric fever given in my hon. friend's question is correct. The War Office Regulations provide for half-yearly medical inspections at home and yearly ones at foreign stations. In India special instructions are, moreover, made when necessary. As far as the Secretary of State is aware, the Government of India have not thought it necessary to make any alteration in the existing system.

Mr. A. C. Morton asked whether the Secretary of State would communicate with the Government of India on the subject, with the view that some means might be taken to diminish, if possible, the extraordinary amount of sickness among the troops.

Mr. G. Russell said he would consult with the Secretary of State for India on the matter.

THE OPIUM COMMISSION.

On Monday, December 4, Mr. John Ellis asked the Under-Secretary of State for India whether, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, he would consider the desirability of making the official notes of the evidence given before the Opium Commission open to the public.

Mr. G. Russell: This matter is one which the Secretary of State has no power to decide, being entirely within the discretion of the Commission. The Secretary of State is not aware of the intentions of the Commission in respect of the evidence now being taken in India, but he has been informed that they have no objection to the publication of the evidence taken in England, before their departure for India, and it will be laid on the table if my hon. friend will move for it.

INDIAN FINANCE.

Upon the report of the resolution of the House relating to the East India Loan of 10,000,000*l.*,

Mr. G. Russell gave notice that the next stage of this Bill would be taken at a convenient hour, breaking off the ordinary debate at about eleven o'clock, in order that he might be able to make a short statement about the circumstances which necessitated the Bill, and other points of detail. He did not think more than an hour would be needed for that statement, and any short discussion which might arise. It was proposed to have the second reading of the Bill at an early hour, so as to allow of a full debate.

Mr. E. Stanhope said he thought eleven o'clock was far too late to initiate such an important matter at this. (Opposition cheers.) If the hon. gentleman desired to make a short statement well and good. But this was one of the most important Bills submitted to Parliament, and the House expected to hear a full statement from the Government, and the hon. gentleman must not be surprised if questions were put in order to elicit all the information which was desired. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Russell said it would not take ten minutes to state full particulars of the Bill.

Sir J. Gorst said the hon. gentleman had not stated when the next stage of the Bill would be taken.

Mr. Russel was not in a position to say that it would be placed as the first order, but it would be taken at an early hour.

Mr. Marjoribanks said the Chancellor of the Exchequer had communicated with the late Chancellor of the Exchequer, and he (Mr. Marjoribanks) had no hesitation in saying that there would be no difficulty in coming to a convenient arrangement. (Hear, hear.)

The subject then dropped.

APPOINTMENT OF A NATIVE JUDGE IN INDIA.

On Tuesday, December 5, Mr. G. Russell, in reply to Mr. A. C. Morton, said he was glad to inform the hon. member that her Majesty had approved the appointment of an Indian gentleman to the vacant judgeship in the High Court of the North-West Provinces. (Hear, hear.) [The gentleman appointed is Babu Pramoda Charn Banaiji.]

INDIAN FINANCE.

Mr. Goschen asked the Under-Secretary for India what was the amount of Council bills that had been sold by the Government of India since the closing of the Indian mints to the free coinage of silver on June 26, 1893, and what were the figures during the corresponding period of 1892.

Mr. G. Russell: From June 27 to Dec. 5 bills have been sold to the amount of Rs. 1,48,57,751 producing 954,927. During the corresponding period in 1892 bills were sold to the amount of Rs. 9,02,99,160 producing 6,175,397*l.*

Mr. Goschen: Can the hon. gentleman state under what authority the India Government is now borrowing by the system of Treasury bills in the European market? I have seen a statement that it has borrowed 500,000*l.*

Mr. G. Russell: I think it is by the Act of 1885.

EAST INDIA LOAN RESOLUTION.

Mr. Goschen said the Chancellor of the Exchequer stated the previous evening that the Parish Councils Bill might be stopped at eleven o'clock that evening in order to take the report stage of this resolution. The feeling of himself and his hon. friends was that this would scarcely give time for the consideration of the subject on that stage. He suggested that the Government should take the report stage about a quarter to eleven o'clock, and that the second reading of the Bill should be put down for some other day as the first order.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer understood that the debate was to be taken on the report stage, but now he gathered that the desire was to have the statement of the Under-Secretary for India so that the House might be able to consider it, and then to debate the question on the second reading of the Bill. That was a very reasonable view, because in a complicated matter of this kind it was not easy to debate it on the first view of the plan. The Government on this understanding would desire to economise time, and it would not be necessary therfore to have a long discussion on the report stage. He proposed in these circumstances that the stat-ment should be made at eleven o'clock; but he must reserve the question as to the time when the second reading stage should be taken. The Government would try to arrange a day most convenient to hon. members.

Mr. Goschen said he should be satisfied with that arrangement if it was certain that the second reading of the Bill would be taken so as to give hon. members on the Oppposition side really ample time to consider it. He did not feel that he should be able to persuade hon. members to forego their right of debate on the report stage unless there was an opportunity of full consideration on the second reading of the Bill. He was anxious to assist the Government in this matter, and he invited the right hon. gentleman to say now that the second reading would be taken as the first order of the day, so that the Government statement might be made as late as a quarter past eleven o'clock.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer thought the right hon. gentleman would admit that what he called ample time must depend more or less on the character of the statement. After the report was taken and the statement made, the Government would consider what was the best arrangement which should be made. They did not desire to prevent a full and fair discussion of the question.

THE MALABAR MARRIAGE LAW.

On Thursday, December 7, Sir J. Kennaway asked the Under-Secretary of State for India whether any decision had been come to in regard to the Bill for alteration of the Maramakatayam marriage law in Malabar, which, having passed the Madras Council, was referred on the 3rd ult. to a Commission appointed by the Viceroy, by whom the matter was referred to the Secretary of State.

Mr. G. Russell: The Malabar Marriage Act did not pass the Madras Legislative Council, but was referred, after leave had been given for its introduction, to a Commission. The report of this Commission was received by the Secretary of State in March, but he has not yet heard what decision has been come to in India with regard to the Bill. He will inquire.

THE CHIEF OF KYTHAL AND ARNOWLI.

Mr. Alpheus Morton asked the Under-Secretary of State for India: Whether he is aware that memorials from Sirdar Jasmair Singh, Chief of Kythal and Arnowli, in the district of Kurnool, in the Punjab, have been addressed to the Secretary of State for India in Council complaining of certain proceedings during his minority; and, whether he will lay such memorials and any correspondence that has passed between the Government of India and her Majesty's Government regarding the said memorials upon the table of the House.

Mr. G. Russell: No memorial such as is described in my hon. friend's question has reached the Secretary of State for India.

ASIAN NOTES.

THE *Standard* correspondent writes:—The *Novoe Vremya* to-day supplements a leading article dealing generally with the Afghan question, by a note pointing out the possible effects upon the population of Turkestan of the establishment of British political agencies at Herat and Maxiri-Sheraef. It refers also to the project of a line of British steamers on the Amur Daria, and concludes thus:—"Does not all this confirm what we previously said, namely, that British diplomacy having gained important advantages from the Ameer, we must follow with the closest attention the development of events in Central Asia." It also announces to-day that a visit of the Khan of Khiva with his son, to St. Petersburg, in May, has been determined upon.

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THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

ALLEGED CRITICAL SITUATION IN EASTERN EUROPE.

THE Vienna correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* wrote on December 2:—An experienced politician, with whom I have just had a long conversation on the present condition of Eastern Europe, remarked that not only was the Marquess of Salisbury's comparison of nations to dangerous squadrons of ironclads apposite; but that his apprehensions lest a fatal mistake be made by any of the helmsmen is more than warranted by events now taking place in the Balkan Peninsula. Thus, to-day or to-marrow, he observed, any one of those Bulgarian emigrants who, curiously enough, accept Russia's hospitality and money but scorn her consistent and exclusive devotion to legal methods of agitation, may succeed in assassinating the helmsmen of Bulgaria, open the door to civil war there, and cause the powder magazine of Europe to explode. The newly-discovered plot planned in Russia by Ivan *ff* against the lives of prince Ferdinand and Stambouloff is but one of a series, any one of which, if successful, would mark the end of the long period of armed peace. The danger in Servia, which may be described as that of spontaneous combustion, grows daily more threatening. Experience has shown that it is impossible to govern Servia through the Radical Party, which has ruined the kingdom, and equally impossible to govern constitutionally against or without the Radicals, who have an overwhelming majority in the country. Every department of the civil service is in an utterly chaotic state; the administration of justice is become a byword; life is hourly in danger; and the only issue out of the difficulty that seems to commend itself to present Servian statesmen is a wildly adventurous foreign policy at Austria's expense in Bosnia. The inevitable results of such a line of affairs are obvious. It is likely enough, on the other hand, that the young king may, as rumour affirms, be desirous of forming a military Cabinet, and restricting or suspending the Constitution; but this would be a leap out of the frying-pan into the fire. The Government Party, now on the alert, has publicly warned the young monarch against any such *coup d'etat*, threatening him, in the semi-official *Odjek*, with the fate of Prince Cuza and of King Otto. This grave condition of things produces a strain which cannot last long, and, sincerely as the Great Powers desire peace, they will find it difficult, not to say impossible, to localise the war if it break out in the Balkan Peninsula, simply because Austria and Russia would be compelled by force of circumstances to interfere. The situation, he concluded, is graver than Western statesmen are disposed to admit, and I feel convinced that when the catastrophy is really upon us they will regard it in the begining as another of the numerous vain alarms which have been periodically startling nervous people for the past ten years!

RUSSIA IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The correspondent of the *Standard* at Vienna telegraphed on Dec. 3:—Mr. Gladstone's reply to a question addressed to him recently with reference to the situation in the Mediterranean is attracting considerable attention in Vienna, where precisely similar views obtain to those expounded by the Premier. The organs of the Foreign Office recall the fact that Count Kalnoky, speaking in November 1891, in the Hungarian Delegation, laid it down, with regard to the passage of the Dardanelles, that the right to allow such passage is exclusively vested in the Sultan, who can even extend permission to ships of war, but that any concession made in this respect to any one Power must be granted to all the other Powers. Mr. Gladstone said that any privilege granted to any one nation would be also claimed by the others, and Count Kalnoky's and Mr. Gladstone's statement was more general, but there is no doubt that in a given case Austria would claim the right accorded to Russia simultaneously with England, and that Germany and Italy would follow suit. There is, therefore, a complete harmony of views on the matter between England and the Triple Alliance.

The answer given by Sir E. Grey last week as to the reported negotiations for the acquisition by England of the island of Lemnos, to the effect that any such proposal would raise grave questions with the Great Powers of Europe, is regarded here as intended to apply to the acquisition of either Turkish, Greek, or any other territory in the Mediterranean by England. On this matter, also, the views of Austria and her allies are at one with those of the British Government.

A Constantinople letter to the *PolitischeCorrespondenz* confirms the report that the projected visit of Admiral Avellan to the Sultan has been postponed indefinitely.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Telegraph* writes (Dec. 9):—As a contribution to the criticism to which the movements of Admiral Avellan are subjected, some information received by the Kreuzzeitung from Constantinople is interesting and noteworthy. It is said that the Porte is very carefully watching the Russian Admiral's movements, as it is believed that his excursions from Athens are directed to an object differing widely from the supposed intention of acquiring warmth in the Mediterranean. The cruises he takes are believed to be for the purpose of reconnoitring, and it is added that that his visit to Constantinople is not looked forward to with pleasure, as the Turks are afraid he wants to obtain ocular evidence about the state of their fleet and the fortifications of the capital, with a view to utilise his knowledge, thereby acquired, in the future. For this reason the announcement of the admiral's intended visit with his ships to Saloniki did not cause any feeling of satisfaction. He is said to have gone to Beyrout.

The Vienna military paper, *Die Reichswehr*, learns from Constantinople that Admiral Sir John Commerell has week visited the company which manufactured the invention of the machines for the fortifications of the Bosphorus. The visit was paid by permission of the Sultan, and in presence of the Inspector General of the defences of the Straits, Marshal Assaf Pasha, and of other Turkish generals. Considering the jealousy with which the Turks conceal from strangers everything that concerns their military resources, this permission is really remarkable.

The *Pesther Lloyd* is informed that the Sultan, impressed by the warnings addressed to him as a result of this inspection, has given orders for the immediate building of new fortifications. Assuming that this report is correct, it remains to be seen whether his Majesty's good intentions will lead to anything more than in the case of the plans and advice laid before him by general Brialmont.

ANGLOPHOBIA, IN FRANCE.

A Reuter telegram from Toulon, dated Dec. 6, says:—The Toulon Municipal Council held an important meeting to-day, at which it discussed the sale by Michel Pacha, of his neighbouring properties of Sablettes and Sablettes-les-Bains, which are specially suitable for the establishment of a sea-bathing resort, to an English company. Doctor Sambuc, a former mayor of Toulor, delivered a violent speech against the English, in which he said:—"At the moment when we are preparing to celebrate the centenary of the recapture of Toulon from the British, I cannot keep silent when I see a feeling of uneasiness at these paragraphs which have recently appeared in the newspapers under the heading, 'Sale of Tamaris to the English.'" The speaker then referred to the jealousy which, he declared, Great Britain felt regarding the Franco-Russian alliance, and her efforts to prevent the decline of her influence in the Mediterranean. He then continued:—"Would it not be a good move on the part of the English to establish themselves on a point in the roads of Toul n, whence they could observe everything that is done in our port or the neighbourhood for improving its means of attack or defence, and whence they might even establish communication from the Sablettes shore with a hostile squadron in the offing? Flash signalling makes communication easy at night time, and should we not even have to fear a nocturnal debarcation?" Dr. Sambuc, in conclusion, said:—"I well know that an appeal may be made to the advantages which we should obtain from the establishment of a winter resort attracting a large number of visitors, but patriotism bids us be prudent, and not to aid in their task those who, taking advantage of our indifference, might attempt to recapture our town, as they once captured it before, by treachery, the glorious avenging of which we are to-day about to celebrate." Cheers were raised as Dr. Sambuc ended, and the council subsequently unanimously adopted the following resolution:—"The Toulon Municipal Council calls the attention of the Government to the danger which might be created for the defence of this port and for the national interests by the purchase of Tamaris and its dependencies by an English company, in the event of war with Great Britain." The adoption of the resolution was loudly applauded by the spectators in the public galleries.

ANTAGONISM BETWEEN SPAIN AND FRANCE.

A Carlist newspaper, *El Correo Espanol*, has published a letter from the secretary to Don Carlos which declares in set terms that the antagonism of Spain to France is daily assuming a more pronounced form. The Spanish Cortes will reassemble on Jan. 8.

AUSTRIA, ITALY, AND FRANCE.

Referring to the statement recently made by the Paris *Figaro*, that Italy contemplated an attack upon France in September last, and was only prevented by the energetic intervention of the Austro-Hungarian Government from carrying out her intention, the *Fremdenblatt* declares on what it describes as unimpeachable authority that nothing whatever is known in well-informed quarters in this city in confirmation of the report published by the Paris paper. The semi-official organ adds:—Italy, which desires peace, has never had any idea of attacking France, nor does she harbour such thoughts at the present time, and consequently the Austro-Hungarian Cabinet has not had the slightest occasion to counteract the design attributed to the Italian Government.

RUSSIA AND THE DANUBE.

The Russian Government is stated by the Vienna correspondent of the *Times* to have declared it to be indispensably necessary that the Kilia arm of the Danube should be made navigable. This step is believed to be in pursuance of a policy which the Russian representative on the Danubian Commission has repeatedly attempted of contending that the Kilia branch of the river is exempt from the control of the Commission—a contention which the other members have always opposed.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY AND SERVIA.

The Ministerial changes at Belgrade, writes the Vienna correspondent of the *Times*, do not inspire much hope in Vienna of any material improvement in the indifferent relations that have existed for some time between Austria-Hungary and Servia. The opinion entertained here is that the Radical Committee of the Skuptschina has as much influence on the affairs of the State as the Ministry itself, and it is to the interference of that body in the foreign relations of Servia that the difficulty is attributed. Moreover, it appears to be thought that General Gruitch will hold office for a short time only and is likely to be succeeded by M. Pachitch, the present Servian Minister in St. Petersburg. Whatever the formation of the new Ministry may be, it seems unlikely that the change will have any favourable influence on the strained relations between the two countries. A rumour reaches me from Bucharest that there are internal dissensions in the Ministry there, too, which may possibly culminate in a modification of the Cabinet.

THE ARDLAMONT MYSTERY.

ALLEGED FORGERY OF A BILL.

THE anticipated revelations at the Ardlamont murder trial cast their shadows before at the Manchester Assizes on the 7th instant, in a case before Mr. Justice Day, wherein the Lancashire Reversionary Interest Company sued Mrs. Day, Monson's mother-in-law, under the terms of a deed dated Sept. 19, 1890. His lordship having been accompanied into court by a dirge-like air upon some peculiarly brass instrument, which seems to be a venerable Manchester custom.

Mr. Smyly, Q.C., opening the case for the plaintiffs, said that the company made an advance to Mr. Monson of £600, the interest and premiums on which were secured by a deed purporting to be executed by Mrs. Day, Mrs Day disputed the statement that the signature was hers, and that was the issue which had to be tried. That Mrs. Day's recollection was very vague was apparent from previous misapprehensions she had made about the earlier deeds. Before Mrs Day executed the deed, Mrs. Monson applied for a loan to Monson's aunt, the Dowager Lady Galway. Her ladyship wrote to Mrs. Day stating that if she (Mrs. Day) would secure the interest upon the advance she, Lady Galway, would guarantee half the interest. It was upon that, according to this witness, that Mrs. Day agreed to sign the deed. The instrument purported to have been

SIGNED BY HER IN THE PRESENCE OF CECIL HAMBROUGH,

a gentleman who has since died. Counsel put it the witnessing clause was entirely in Mr. Hambrough's writing, and if Mrs. Day's signature was a forgery then the whole of this writing of Mr Hambrough, it seemed to him, must be a forgery; but he should call experts who would say otherwise. Mr. Hambrough was a young gentleman who had not paid as much attention to his studies as might be, and the fact that the word signature was spelt with an "i" instead of an "a" was a corroboration of the contention that the writing was, as if purported to be, Cecil Hambrough's. Last July the interest under the deed being considerably in arrear, application was made to Mrs. Day for £32. Her solicitors replied asking for an inspection of the deed, without hinting that she did not admit she ever executed such a deed. About this time the death of Mr. Hambrough occurred, and the terrible accusation against Monson was brought. He could not help thinking that that

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which was taken up by the defendant and her solicitors, for in response to another application for the interest they wrote saying Mrs. Day denied executing the deed. Although she put in a defence that the deed was a forgery, she never inspected it until a day or two ago. Confused about her money matters, and influenced by the fact that the witness to the deed was a young gentleman who had not also alleged to have been shot by Monson, Mrs. Day seemed to have come to the conclusion that the deed was no heir, and although he believed she had come to that conclusion honestly, yet he belived he should prove she had arrived at it mistakenly.

Evidence was then called and Mr. Justice Day was careful to see that a shorthand note was taken of it. Mr. Kitson, secretary of the plaintiff company, said that the Monsons always had to be pressed for the payment of the interest on their loan.

Mr. Blair, plaintiff's solicitor, produced the disputed deed. Cross-examined by Mr. Yates, who appeared for the defence, witness admitted that the deed, unexecuted by any one, was handed to Mr. Monson to get the signatures of all parties. It was unusual to hand the beneficiary an unexecuted deed, and that was done because Monson's solicitor, Mr. Crowther, did not turn up when appointed to be witnessing the deed on September 19, 1890, came into the possession of witness on September 22, 1890. He had handed it to the company with whom it had remained ever since.

Robert Mitchell, formerly a clerk of Mr. Blair, said that as Mr. Blair after execution of deed, thought the security not sufficient, took the deed to Mrs. Day's house, mortgaging her life interest. She refused to sign this in Mr. Monson's absence, and Mrs. Monson said, "Quite right, too." Mrs. Day added that the company already had sufficient security, and she was perfectly aware that if the Monsons failed in their interest payments she would be liable. Cross-examined, witness could not recollect hearing Mrs. Day say she had done plenty for the Monsons and would not jeopardize her income.

EVIDENCE OF MRS. MONSON.

Mrs. Monson, dressed entirely in black, except for a heavy fur boa, was next called. She said that after communicating with Lady Galway, she told Mrs. Day that if she would guarantee the interest on the loan she (witness) was endeavouring to raise, Lady Galway would indemnify her to the extent of half the interest. Mrs. Day agreed to do so, and the deed now disputed was drawn. The signature was that of Mrs. Day. Witness was familiar with her mother's writing, and she was also confident that the attesting clause was in Hambrough's writing, with which she was also acquainted. When witness told her mother that the company had written threatening to come upon her for the interest, Mrs. Day denied she had signed any deed.

Cross-examined: Lady Galway, like Cecil Hambrough, was dead. Witness had occasionally been much troubled for money since her marriage, and her husband had latterly been a good deal in the hands of the money-lenders. Witness had, before giving evidence, seen the evidence her husband had given on commission. Witness had not tried to get her mother to admit the signature. The letter produced was witness's letter to her mother, it contained this passage: "But I am sure, dear, whether you remember it or not, you will withdraw the denial, for the sake of helping me. You can say you might have signed it, and that it had escaped your memory; if you put it somehow like that it would not implicate yourself in any way." Witness wrote like that because she knew how bad a memory her mother had. Then Mrs. Monson, dropping her thick black veil, retired from the witness-box.

DEPOSITION OF MONSON.

In his evidence taken on commission, which was then read, Monson said he asked Mrs. Day to become security for the interest on the loan he was raising, and she consented when Lady Galway went halves with her in the risk. Witness recognized the signature on the deed of Mrs. Day and Cecil Hambrough. He believed both to be genuine signatures. It was pretty clear that Monson had previously been accused of forging Mrs Day's signature. The questions not allowed to be answered by him were these: Did you draw a bill of exchange, of which Mrs. Day purported to be the acceptor? Did Mrs. Day plead that the signature was a forgery? Did you pay the bill? Monson's answers were withheld on the ground that they might tend to incriminate him. The signature of Hambrough to the deed was also genuine in his opinion.

George Martin, a bank clerk, corroborated. The judge said he detected marked differences between the admitted signatures and those on the deed. Witness attributed the difference to the lapse of time between the two classes of signatures. One more expert closed the case for the plaintiffs.

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Mr. Yates said he did not hesitate to suggest that the signature to the deed was a forgery by Monson. Mrs. Monson had given evidence against her mother, but they must bear in mind that this case might have an important bearing upon another and a graver case, and when she faced the necessity of sacrificing either her husband or her mother, wife-like she stuck to her husband. In cross-examination certain questions were put to Mons n, which a solicitor watching on his behalf objected to as tending to incriminate him, and this objection was allowed by the Commissioner.

Sergeant Maguire, of the militia regiment to which Hambrough was attached, and Sergeant Sheppard produced specimens of Hambrough's writing. Fredrick Smart, a handwriting expert, said he had examined the deed, and the alleged undisputed signature of Mrs. Day, mortgaging her life interest. She refused to sign this in Mr. Monson's absence, and Mrs. Monson said, "Quite right, too." Mrs. Day added that the company already had sufficient security, and she was perfectly aware that if the Monsons failed in their interest payments she would be liable. Cross-examined, witness could not recollect hearing Mrs. Day say she had done plenty for the Monsons and would not jeopardize her income.

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INDIAN PUBLIC COMPANIES.

The directors of the Indian and General Investment Trust (Limited) have declared an interim dividend at the rate of [illegible] per annum on the preferred stock for the quarter ending to Dec. 31 payable on Dec. 9.

BENGAL-NAGPORE RAILWAY.

The annual general meeting of this company was held on Nov. 29 at the offices, 25, Moss in Finsbury. Mr. Chairman, Mr. S. Turner, in moving the adoption of the quarterly report ended June last, said [illegible] and share of the earnings combined [illegible] but quite enough to pay a dividend for [illegible] ment in the current [illegible] the sum available from [illegible] would be in January 1894 sufficient to leave 2l. 5s. 6d. per cent. on the company's share capital, thus making the total possible dividend for the year 1893 about 4l. 15s. 6d. per cent. The policy of the company was to build up a reserve fund equal to 3 per cent. on its capital of 3,500,000l. sterling before it distributed dividends in excess of per cent. per annum. That fund if nothing went wrong, would amount to about 81,000l. by the beginning of next year, or to within about 24,000l. of the total sum they contemplated having in hand before dividing over 4 per cent. Provided they had decent luck in 1894, he saw no reason why the dividend for the last half of that year, payable on Jan. 1, 1895, should not be 2l. 5s., instead of 2l., as heretofore. The directors would be grievously disappointed if thereafter they could not maintain the 2l. 5s. regularly in each subsequent half-year. Their railway was in very good running order, and was carefully maintained. The crops in the districts it served were fair, and the prospects of traffic were reported to be satisfactory. As to extending the railway from Beswada to Musulipatam, a distance of about fifty miles, they were in communication with the Government of India. Major-General Sir H. Green seconded the adoption of the report, and this was unanimously carried.

ORIENTAL GAS.

The shareholders in this company held their ordinary general meeting on Nov. 29 at the offices, St. Mary Axe, Mr. J. Blacket Gill in the chair. The adoption of the report of the directors and the accounts was proposed by the chairman, who stated that there had been an improvement in their gas rental of between 1,400l. and 1,500l., but they had lost by residuals, 2,300l. Coals had saved them 3,170l., and, having made a contract for the next two or three years, he hoped they would still get their coal at a low figure. All their strivings to effect economies in their working were very much upset by what they could only call "the demon of exchange." This year they had been muleted of no less than 23,071l., or 3,876l. more than last year. Therefore, after paying their debenture interest and income-tax, they could only take to profit and loss account 25,553l. Under these circumstances they felt great regret that they could only recommend a dividend of 8 per cent., but it was consolatory to know that it had been carried. The resolution was seconded by Mr. N. E. B. Garey, and adopted, and the dividend was afterwards approved.

R. AND K. COMPANY.

The report of the directors of the Rohilkund and Kumaon Company (Limited) for the half-year ended June 30, 1893, shows that the gross earnings were Rs. 2,11,683 and the net profit Rs. 1,00,069 which has been brought home at an exchange of 1s. 3 7-32d. against 1s. 3d. in the corresponding half of 1892. After deducting a moiety of the surplus over 2½ per cent. which will have to be paid to the Secretary of State in case the profits of the year 1893 exceed 5 per cent, after making other adjustments, and bringing forward the balance of 355l., there remains for disposal 6,146l. The board recommend a dividend of 2l. 11s. 6d. or 2l. 10s. net for the half-year, tax free. This will absorb 5,000l., leaving a balance of 1,146l. to be carried forward.

R. AND K. RAILWAY COMPANY.

The half-yearly general meeting of the Bengal and North-Western Railway Company (Limited) was held on Nov. 28, at the City Terminus Hotel, Lieutenant-General C. H Dickens presiding. The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, stated that in the half-year under review the traffic in Pirhoot had been about normal, but that on the company's own line had been less than normal. On the whole there was an increase of about 8¼ per cent. on the gross earnings in rupees and a somewhat larger increase in working expenses, the result being that the company's share of net earnings worked out under the contract about the same in rupees, and the exchange not having greatly altered, it gave in sterling nearly the same results as last year—namely, 3 per cent. for the dividend for the half year. During the current half year there had been some severe floods in Tirhoot, but the Traffic was fairly good and if it kept up during the next months they might expect about the same net earnings in rupees as they had in the second half of 1892. For that half year the net earning were brought home at 1s. 2 19-32d. per rupee, but they might hope that the rate would be somewhat better than this next May. The question of the linking up of the metre-gauge lines in which the company were so much interested had so far advanced that the estimate for the separate metre-gauge line in view to making the connection in that way instead of laying a third rail on the broad guage, were now before the Government. The board consider that the metre-guage separate line would be preferable as far as the interests of this Company were concerned, and also in the interests of the local public. The decision, however, rested with the Government, and until it was known the board could not submit any proposal for providing the capital for the linking up and other requirements including the proposed Bulrampore branch. Mr. D. T. Robertson seconded the motion which was adopted.

THE BENGAL NAGPORE RAILWAY.

The report of the directors of the Bengal-Nagpore Railway Company (Limited), for the half-year ended June 30, states that the amount of capital raised remains as it stood at the time of the last report—viz., 7,579,152l., and in addition arrangements have been made with the Secretary of State, under 51 Victoria, c 5, for the provision on Sept. 1, 1893, at 3½ per cent. interest of 60,000l., making the total capital provided 7,639,152l. The amount of capital expended is as follows:—As per accounts to Dec. 31, 1892, 7,051,241l., during half-year ended June 30, 1893, 189,585l., and stores and other amounts in suspense on June 30, 1893, 264,500l., making a total expenditure to June 30, 1893, of 7,505,326l. The entire system as originally designed was open for traffic during the whole of the half-year. The brauch to Sambalpore was open for goods traffic from Feb. 1, and for passanger traffic from March 10. No decision has yet been come to in regard to the construction of the extension from Sambalpore to Khurda, for Cuttack, or of the branch from Raipore to Dhamtari, referred to in the last report, but, as a temporary measure, it is proposed that a bridge of boat across the Mahanadi, at Sambalpore, should be constructed, maintained, and worked by the company, in place of the existing ferry, in order to afford greater facility for traffic from the other side of the river. The gross earnings were Rs. 40,23,452, against Rs. 39,07,239; and the net earnings, Rs. 24,43,869 against Rs. 22,63,275. Under the contract with the Secretary of State surplus profits depend on the net earnings for a whole year exceeding the guaranteed interest for the same period; and in this view it will be interesting to the proprietors to watch the progress of the net earnings as compared with the guaranteed interest. The following comparison between the results of the half-year ending June 30, 1893, with those of the corresponding half-year of 1892 is therefore appended:—For the first half 1893, net earnings Rs. 24,43,869 against Rs. 22,63,275 showing an excess over the guaranteed interest of Rs. 2,59,626 against Rs. 4,14,152 While the net revenue earnings in the first half of the current year amounted to Rs. 1,80,594 more than those for the same period in the preceding year, there was an increase in the charge against these receipts for interest amounting to Rs. 3,33,120 due mainly to the fall in exchange from 17.052d. in 1892 to 14·891d. in the first half of 1893. The warrants for interest on the stock capital for the half-year ending Dec. 31 will be posted on Jan. 1 next.

THE ANGLO-RUSSIAN LITERARY SOCIETY.

It will be news to many that there is a society of this name at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, under the patronage of the Duke and Duchess of Coburg (Duke and Duchess of the Edinburgh) and H. I. H. the Cesarevitch. Its objects are the promotion of the study of the Russian language and literature, to form a library of Russian books (already very considerable), to hold monthly meetings for discussion and, above all, to bring about friendly relations between two great nations. One important rule, rigidly enforced, is that *no politics of any discription* shall be admitted in discussion. The Founder and President is Mr. Edward A. Cazalet, an Englishman born in Russia, one of the few who speak the grand Slavonic tongue perfectly, and whose name is well-known in the highest Russian society.

Among the members of the Committee are M. le conseiller d'etat actuel W. F. Machin, ex-tutor to the Tsar, Mr. E. Delmar Morgan, F.R.G.S., who recently enlightened the British Association on the subject of that terra incognita, Tibet, and Dr. John Pollen, I.C.S., author of a charming little volume entitled, "Rhymes from the Russian." Other members of the Society are Sir Donald Mackenzie Wallace, author of a comprehensive work on Russia, Mr. E. A. Brayley-Hodgetts, who visited the famine-stricken districts in the capacity of special correspondent, Mr. Arthur A. Sykes, another eminent journalist, translator of Gogol's "Revizor," Mr. G. S. Wesselitsky-Bojidarovitch, London correspondent of the "Novoe Vremya," Mr. A. Kromlov, actor and translator of Shakespeare into Russian, and many more of high standing in literature and diplomacy. Though young, the Society has done good work, and has already debated such subjects as "The Anglo-Russian Campaign in Holland in 1799," "The Orthodox Russian Church," and "Commercial Relations between Britain and Russia" *to great advantage*. Discussions may be carried on in either language.

It is remarkable that there should be still such ignorance displayed by Englishmen as to the dominions of the Tsar; Russians are usually regarded as semi-barbarous, but for many years *on a change tout cela*. The English language and literature are more popular in Russia than is generally supposed, e.g. A. C. Pushkin read and appreciated Byron and Scott as well as he did Moliere, Schiller, or Dante; but what do we know about Russia's great names? Scarcely anything, as a rule, and great thanks are due to Mr. Edward A. Cazalet and his supporters for their efforts to dispel this ignorance by the establishment of the Anglo-Russian Literary Society.—*Languages*

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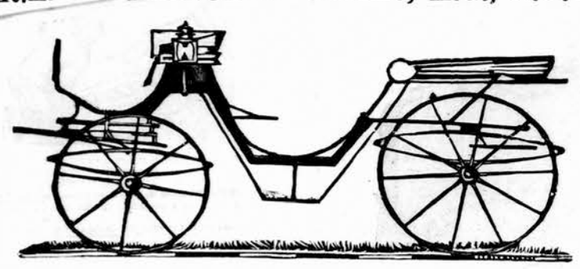

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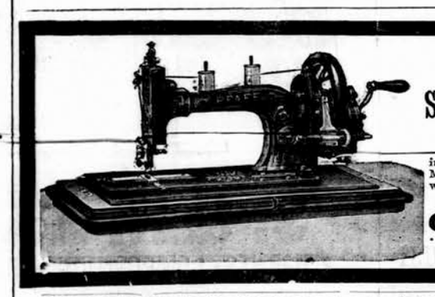

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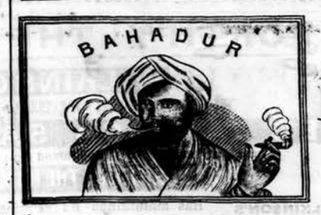

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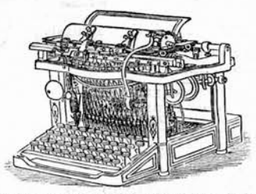

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